



# AUTUMN News

**Mill Stream Buzz is a camp ministry newsletter for Campers, Parents, Staff and Supporters of Mill Stream from the desks of Larry (LarryBoy) & Cindy (Aunt Sid) Chupa**

The past six months at Mill Stream has been exciting, challenging, encouraging and exalting of God's glory.

Our camp theme verse this year was very appropriate: *"God alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will never be shaken." Psalms 62:6*



We experienced new situations which caused our dependency on God to grow deeper.

The highlights of some of the blessings in the past six months were:

### May

- Approximately \$19,000 was received at our spring banquet towards paying down debt from capital projects
- New Servant Leadership Training Workshop for teens to young adults with Dr. Craig Brannan
- The new canoe shed and outdoor shelter was completed with funds raised by the senior's of our home church in Lindsay



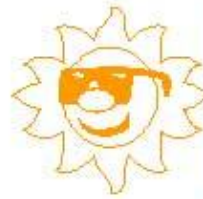
### June

- Missionary appointees Mark and Debbie Taylor and their children arrive at camp for 11 weeks
- Hosted 1 week of graduating school students from a Christian school

### July

- Completed 6 days of pre-camp training for 52 staff and volunteers
- Conducted 3 weeks of kid's camps

### August



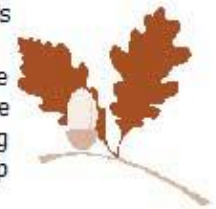
- Conducted 1 week of teen camp in tandem with a skills camp
- Completed our first LTP (Leadership Training Program) camp
- Hosted a week of Handi\*Camp for children and 2 weeks of teen rental camps

### September

- Hosted the Train the Trainer "In Step with the Master Teacher" course for BCM Canada missionaries (enables Canadian missionaries to partner with churches in training Sunday School and VBS teachers)

### October

- The interconnection of the motel to the new septic system is completed
- This year we were included as part of the CCI (Christian Camping International) Fall Camp Tour
- V.A.L.U.E.S. Servant Leadership Training Workshop for teens to young adults with Dr. Craig Brannan
- Motel conversion into a summer program office (underway)



We encourage you to take a few minutes to read through the entire newsletter and enjoy the blessings as God revealed himself as we allowed Him to be in complete control.

We praise God and give Him all the Glory for what He is doing and will continue to do.

*LarryBoy & Aunt Sid*

***"God alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will never be shaken."***

*Psalms 62:6*

# Camperzzz Corner



## Hey Camperzzz!

### Exciting news from the Mail Box Bible Club.

Every year I am amazed how God works in the lives of the children attending Mill Stream Bible Camp. As I review the 27 decision cards received from the cabin leaders, it was wonderful to see the many seeds that have been sown and the decisions that were made.

Some of the comments I read...

"Pretty sure she comes from a non-Christian home, doesn't go to church regularly. Has a Christian God-Mother."

"Helped her make a decision because she wasn't sure if she was saved or not. Don't think she gets to church often or has a Christian family."

"Non-Christian home, not much support from parents, doesn't go to church, excited about witnessing to parents."

"Became Christian on his own in Bible Class. Very knowledgeable about the Bible."

18 children have signed up for the mail Box club. One little girl from Bowmanville, Victoria Vincent has already received her certificate for completing Storytime 1.

A family of 6 children from Lindsay have signed up to take a course. A concerned person wrote saying, "I would like so much for two children who attended camp to take the course but with reading problems are not able to take



Thank you for your continued prayers, although you do not know them by name, God does. Pray that decisions made and seeds planted at the 2006 camp of those who attended, will grow in the hearts of the children and teens.

*Aunt Mil*

*If you are interested in signing up for the Mailbox Bible Club please contact Aunt Mil at [mgevans@interhop.net](mailto:mgevans@interhop.net)*

## God is my Rock

### God brought in large numbers of children and teens.

We are planning to add another week of Trekkin' Camp in August for the summer of 2007.

The more kids that attend camp, the more opportunities we have to share the gospel. We experienced the Holy Spirit working among our campers and staff. Almost 60 children and teens made decisions to follow Christ...PRAISE GOD!



## Hey Campers:

Watch for information about 2007 Summer Camp coming to YOU soon!  
Check out the website for 2006 summer pictures being posted in December at [www.MillStream.ws/pictures.html](http://www.MillStream.ws/pictures.html) and click on 2006.



# Staff Scoopzzz

**Ok guys, here's the scoop!**

## **Scoop 1: 2006 Summer Staff!**

Thank you to each one of you who served this summer in the camping ministry. God blessed us and protected us as we saw Him at work in the lives of our campers and each of the staff members.

God provided us with an outstanding team of cabin leaders and support staff. This included the Taylor family who are BCM missionary appointees from Nova Scotia that stayed at camp for 11 weeks. Mark was trained as Maintenance Coordinator and Debbie was trained as Head Cook. They are now serving God at Mount Traber Bible Camp in Nova Scotia.



## **Scoop 3: Servant-Leadership Weekends with Doc Rock.**

In the past 6 months we have completed two Servant Leadership Training Workshops for teens to young adults with Dr. Craig Brannan. We will continue to offer these courses next spring and are planning to expand these courses into young married couples and adult age ranges.



## **Scoop 4: Here's what you, our summer staff, have to say about Mill Stream Bible Camp:**

One of the things that stood out to me the most was what God taught me concerning prayer. 1 Thess. 5:16-18 says, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Working on the program staff was very exciting and rewarding, but I was also tormented by Satan almost daily. It is so easy to forget God when we go through trying situations at camp, but I learned that it was Him I needed to turn to at all times when trouble came. Not just in the morning at devotions, or at night before bed, but at all times throughout the day. I needed to humbly come to Him and cry out to Him for help.

*Sqweex (Program Coordinator)*

Throughout the time I spent at camp I learned a lot about God, and especially how He provides for His people...I really realized that God does indeed have a plan for everything, and everything that happens is part of His will. I had known that before from Romans 8:28, where it says, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose"...camp reminded me of this promise...

*Sqwert (Cabin Leader)*



## **Scoop 2: LTP Camp (2006 Leadership Training Program)**

We held our first Leadership Training Program Camp with four applicants completing the week-long course successfully. Congrats!



*Ok staff, remember these dates!  
December 29-30—2006 Staff Retreat  
End of January—2007 Staff Applications*



# Tidbitzzz



## Spring Banquet Update

God is always good and that was evident this year once again as we held our annual Spring Banquet at Calvary Baptist Church in Oshawa in May. This year's celebration of "God's Faithfulness" was well attended as we were all treated to a delicious meal, exciting reports, wonderful music and an introduction to our new International President, Marty Windell who was accompanied by his wife and one of their children. It was encouraging to see the new BCM video and to hear how God is using BCM around the world.

This year's banquet resulted in offerings that totalled almost \$19,000! PRAISE GOD as His people continue to come forward and support this ministry in helping to pay down the debt of the new building and water plant. Please continue to pray and consider how you can help reduce the debt on these necessary capital projects.

## Completed Projects

This spring our volunteers completed the new canoe equipment shed that was started last fall. It is very encouraging to see this structure completed and used by our campers and staff this summer.



Several volunteers from the Hamilton area churches who are associated with Handi\*Camp built a new gravel pathway to the campfire area and upgraded the campfire area making the gazebo more accessible for wheel chairs.

The dividing walls for rooms 3,4 and 5 of the old summer motel were removed converting this area into a much needed permanent summer craft room. The wall between room 1 and 2 has also been removed with this area currently being remodelled and converted into a much larger summer program room with lots of storage.

We have just completed the motel septic interconnection, which satisfies the requirements laid out by the MOE on our new septic system application.

We praise and thank God for the continued dedication, health and safety of each of our volunteers.

Volunteers are always needed in various aspects of the camp operation and maintenance. Whether you would like to volunteer one day a year, a day a month or even a day a week, we've got a job for you. Give us a call!

## CCI Ontario Fall Camp Tour

This year's CCI (Christian Camping International) Fall Camp Tour started at Mill Stream. What a privilege to be able to share the history, blessings and development of the ministries at Mill Stream with over 50 other camp directors and leaders of like mind.



## Oshawa Area Clubs and Prayer Team

Marilynn Manuel of Oshawa is conducting a weekly after school Bible club in her home. Pray for the children that are attending this year.

Marilynn also hosts a monthly prayer time, lifting the needs and praises of the ministry to God. The Prayer Team meets at 163 Gibbons Street in Oshawa on the 2nd Tuesday each month. Please contact us if you are interested in attending. Also, please contact us if you are interested in receiving information concerning teaching or hosting a Bible Club, or if you would like to start a local Prayer Team, providing intercessory prayer on behalf of this ministry.

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