



# Mill Stream Buzz

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## Fall Newzzz



Our God is Able. This year's summer camp's Bible theme was very true and very real.

After a busy and difficult start to spring, *Our God* made things happen real quick starting with our annual cleanup weekend in April. All went very well until Cindy and Larry ended up with the flu which ended the weekend. Thank you to all who participated in helping cleanup and open the camp this past spring.



*Spring Cleanup Team*

Next we held a Spring Dessert night at Calvary Baptist Church in Oshawa. Marty Windle, President of BCM International and Bill Ricketts, Executive Director for BCM Canada provided updates both internationally and nationally concerning BCM. A PowerPoint showing the changes over the past four years at Mill Stream was also presented.



Summer camp was another amazing time with new campers and staff joining in with returning ones and making new friendships.

This past summer our camp theme was "Discover Canada, Discover Mill Stream, Discover Jesus", and all three discoveries were made.

"Discover Canada" proved to be interesting as each cabin had a province or territory assigned to them. Their dining room tables and cabins displayed the flag of their province. We were educated concerning Canadian animals, locations and inventions in unique ways.

"Discover Mill Stream" is always fun as many instructional electives and recreational activities were offered each day. Some special features, such as the Rubber Ducky Race over the falls were very exciting, as well as dress-up days such as Fisherman Day, Multicultural Day and Lumberjack Day displayed the diverse nature of our country. Our multicultural diversity was very real as we had children from other countries including South Korea, Afghanistan and Somalia.



*A very happy camper*

"Discover Jesus" was experienced several times as many campers made decisions to follow Christ's steps and develop a relationship with God.

With this being one of the hottest and driest summers on record, *Our God* protected each of us from any major injury and harm as we know that He *is able*.

Please take a few minutes to read through the remainder of this newsletter and praise God for the blessings he continues to provide.

*Larry Boy & Aunt Sid*

***"Our God whom we serve is Able to deliver us."***

*Daniel 3:17*

# Camperzzz Corner



Summer 2007 is quickly becoming a memory but let's not forget how great it was!

What a great summer with hot weather and wonderful experiences.



*Cool Pool Competitions*

Remember the fun in the pool, on the river, at the barn and at the campfire.

Remember how we learned that God is able to do anything, help you through anything and that He is big enough to help you with the *Giants* in your life.



*Fishermen Day*

Have you been able to overcome the giants in your life? Have you been able to use what you learned this past summer in your life everyday?

Drop us a note at [office@millstream.ws](mailto:office@millstream.ws) and let us know how you are doing!

## Mail Box Bible Club

2007 Mill Stream Bible Camp has come and gone. It was a thrill to talk to the leaders prior to the start of camp and have them tell me that they all had attended this camp as children and are now taking on leadership roles.

The children have gone their separate ways with many happy memories of making new friends, learning new campfire songs, doing fun activities and learning more from God's word.

Over the past year ten children completed a study course and received a BCM International certificate.

They are:

Julie Lindenbach (3rd year)

Victoria Vincent

Josiah Galloway

Victoria Galloway

Deborah Galloway

Matthew VanKessel

Michelle Galloway

Stephanie Galloway

Allison VanKessel

Jedidiah Galloway

Over thirty-eight children made a commitment to follow Christ.

Eight children attended from refugee families. Many of these children shared their concern for family members. Please continue to pray for these children that the bible stories they have heard, will sustain them over the months and doors will open for these children to attend Christian programs and churches.

As I write this letter eight children have asked if they can join the mail box club. One of the girls is already on her third study.

Thank you for your prayers.

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

*Aunt Mill*

## Hey Campers:

Next year we will be offering one week of Trekkin' Camp in August as well!

Our new August week of Trekkin' Camp will run from August 3rd-9th.

2008 Summer Camp registrations will be available in January.



**New!**



# Staff Scoopzzz

## Spring Cleanup

Many man-hours of work were completed in a short period of time as some of last summer's staff worked along-side a few men from Courtice Baptist Church this past April. In one day most of the summer camp facilities were opened and the camp was cleaned up. We hope to see YOU next April for our annual cleanup weekend!



*Lots of manual labour*

If you are interested in applying, contact us for more information at [office@millstream.ws](mailto:office@millstream.ws).

## Servant-Leadership Retreat

In October we hosted our 2nd Annual Fall Servant-Leadership Retreat with Dr. Craig "Doc Rock" Brannan. In this fall's workshop Doc Rock uncovered the *Anatomy of Pain* as described and applied through the scriptures. Good food, good fellowship and good teaching was enjoyed as we spent time exploring how pain affects our values.

## 2007 LTP Camp—Another Successful Group



*LTP's hard at work*

In July we ran our Leadership Training Program (LTP) with six applicants. Each were taught various aspects of the camping ministry



*LTP completing Dining Room duties*

and then given the opportunity to use their newly acquired knowledge. If you are interested in becoming a future leader, whether at camp or within your church, here is a great opportunity to explore and develop your servant-leadership abilities. This camp is limited to only a few campers.



*Servant-Leadership Workshop Participants  
(Far right—Dr. Craig Brannan—Workshop Leader)*

Watch for announcements concerning future workshops!

## 2008 Staff Applications

In an effort to reduce our mailing costs, next summer's staff application forms will be available to be downloaded from our web site. All correspondence will be via email unless it is not available to you. These forms will be available on-line by January 2008 in a new section called *Opportunities*.

*Ok staff, here is a preview of important 2008 dates! Put them in your calendar!*  
*Staff Retreat—To Be Determined*      *Staff Applications—Available in January*  
*Staff Cleanup Weekend—April 25-27*      *Pre-camp starts June 29th*

# Terrific Tidbitzzz



## Spring Projects

### Patio is now completed!

This past spring and summer saw the completion of the patio area of the new building. The patio has direct and indirect lighting and only needs a source of heat to be utilized year round.



### Summer program office/craft room now sided!

How do you renew an old building? Vinyl siding, of course. The old motel has the look of a new building with the interior of the building being

resurfaced and the exterior cleaned up utilizing donated siding.

## Fall Projects

### New Chapel Roof!

This fall a much needed new roof on the summer chapel (old summer dining hall) was completed. A new steel roof was installed by our volunteer men in only a couple of days. Finally, no more wet benches or floors! Thanks guys!



### Doorway Overhangs Installed!

The doorway overhangs that were needed on the doors of the new building were completed this fall. This was a needed project to help keep the snow from sliding off the large roof and blocking the emergency exits.

## Fall Teacher Training Workshops

This past September we hosted our second Teacher Training Workshop event. We offered six different workshops taught by our BCM trainers with representation from four different area churches. Plans are already underway for next year's event.

## Spring Dessert Night and Fall Open House & Banquet

This year we experienced some changes in our fundraising and celebration campaigns. In May we held a dessert night instead in exchange for the usual banquet. This year's banquet was moved to the fall and was



held at the camp with an open house, tours, a banquet, fantastic music and a very fun silent auction! It was exciting to see so many people attend and help us praise God for his faithfulness over the years. Our offerings from the dessert night and banquet, including the silent auction, totalled more than \$15,000!

We wish to thank the following companies and individuals for their generous contributions towards the silent auction:

Bill & Barb Ensom  
Bonfire Rotisserie & Grill, Lindsay 705-328-0017  
Burke's Honey, Omeme 705-799-6987  
Casa Loma, Toronto 416-923-1171  
Dairy Farmers of Ontario, Mississauga 905-821-8970  
Fitzgerald Heating & Coding, Peterborough 705-743-3531  
4th Line Theatre, Millbrook 705-932-4448  
Greendale & Utica Equipment, Omeme 705-799-2427  
Kate Frank  
KLBE, Lindsay 705-324-2303  
Lang Pioneer Village Museum, Keene 866-289-5264  
Len & Patti Butcher Block & Abattoir, Lindsay 705-328-2100  
Marion Johnson  
M&M Meat Shops, Lindsay 705-328-3656  
Oasis Pool & Garden Centres Inc., Lindsay 705-324-1170  
Rod & Liz Levesque  
Teresa Koornneef  
Westburne Ruddy Electric, Lindsay 705-324-6301  
Westone Aggregates, Omeme 705-799-6969

## 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 on the 2nd Tuesday each month. The Prayer Team meets at 163 Gibbons Street in Oshawa. Please consider joining us.



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