



## FALL \* Newzzz

As Thanksgiving has passed us, we have so much to be thankful for this year.

God's goodness to us is not just for our own benefit, he wants us to pass along what he brings our way.

Psalm 67 brings together two themes, one of thanksgiving and one of evangelism. Psalm 67:1-2 makes this clear by saying *"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us; may your ways be known on earth, your salvation among all nations"*.



Here at Mill Stream we are thankful that are able to continually share the Gospel with children and teens. This past summer we had the opportunity to share the Christ's good news with over 260 of our own campers, of which over 50 made commitments to follow Christ.

We were excited as we observed how God used our Christ-focussed staff to counsel and lead campers to him. During Trekin' Camp we had children who had behavioural concerns, experience life-changing transformations as they gave their lives to Christ. We noticed a turn-around in their behaviour, attitude, and a visible new-found joy as they began their relationship with God. Please pray for these children as we attempt to follow up with them through our Mailbox Bible Club program.

Wait, there is so much more to be thankful for!



We once again hosted Handi\*Camp and Camp Kara during the summer. Spring and fall brought us many school and church retreats including our annual Fall Open House, Silent Auction & Banquet. Our attendance for this year's event grew by almost 30%. We were all blessed by listening to the testimonies of past and present staff and campers as how God used Mill Stream to affect the path of their lives.



We also received a \$2,000 gift from one of our partnering churches. Newcastle Fellowship Baptist Church raised this gift through their Missions Conference to pay for a much-needed new steel roof on our program/craft building.

Please read through the remainder of this newsletter and be blessed as we see how God is working through the ministries of Mill Stream. Let's give him praise for his faithfulness and goodness as he continues to bless and use Mill Stream for His will.

Larry Boy & Aunt Sid

***"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us; may your ways be known on earth, your salvation among all nations".***

*Psalm 67:1-2*



# Camperzzz Corner



**Summer 2008 was one we will remember forever!**

What a great summer we had. Even though it rained all but 11 days, many wonderful memories and friendships were made.



*Twin Day*

With 4 weeks of Trekin' Camp and one week of Trailblazin' Camp, activities, electives and fun overrode any hint of weather that tried to dampen our excitement.

We had several theme days and weeks including Christmas, Western Day, Fisherman Day, Fun Fair, etc. Each week was equally fun and our ambitious staff used their

creativity to involve each camper in every part of the themes. Our program staff are already working on next years themes to make it even better!



*Christmas in July*

Watch for announcements and flyers about next year's encampments which should arrive in your mailbox just after Christmas.

## Mail Box Bible Club

2008 Camp has come and gone. The children and leaders left with many happy memories of the fun times around the campfires, different activities, making new friends and learning more about the Bible, God's word.

Five Korean children attended camp this year. They will be leaving to go back to their country soon. God's word has been planted in their heart and the love of God shown.

Over fifty letters have been sent out to children who talked to either their cabin leaders or one of the other leaders concerning asking Jesus into their lives, rededication and family concerns.



18 children have signed up for a Mailbox Bible course. Please pray for these children as many are not involved in any church program.



God's Blessings.

*Aunt Mil*

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



### Hey Campers:

Watch for the 2009 Summer Camp flyer to arrive just after Christmas. Check out our web site at [www.MillStream.ws/pictures.html](http://www.MillStream.ws/pictures.html) and click on 2008 to view some of last summer's photos and memories.





# Staff Scoopzzz

## Summer 2008 highlights include some of the Most Incredible Staff

As we think back to all the different events that unfolded during the summer, we praise God for supplying some amazing and Godly staff.

With so many responsibilities and areas to be covered, God once again provided great staff in all the essential areas to carry us through. We had several challenges to overcome, but through the efforts of several of our committed cabin leaders and support staff, with God's help we moved past these challenges. God revealed himself once again that, as our theme verse in James 1:5 says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God...and it will be given to him". We asked, he provided and God used our staff to reach over 50 children and teens to become part of His family.

Thank you to all of our staff and volunteers who worked tirelessly and relentlessly, and who portrayed a positive attitude of servant-hood and unconditional love for the campers and staff that surrounded them. Your reward awaits you from above!



2008 Summer Staff

## Summer 2009 is only 8 months away!



Fun Cabin Leaders

Sounds like a long way off?...it always does, but suddenly it will be spring. Whether you are thinking about returning or if this will be your first experience, now is the time to start praying about next summer and seek God's will about serving at camp.

If you do feel led to serve in a positive Christian camping ministry next summer, or if you know someone that would love to work with kids and share the Gospel, contact us by phone or go directly to our web site at [www.MillStream.ws/opportunities.html](http://www.MillStream.ws/opportunities.html) to read about the opportunities available. Staff application forms will be available to download in December. All student staff members are required to serve for a minimum of 3 weeks. Those wishing to serve additional weeks will receive first consideration.



Amazing Staff

Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.



It's a Party!

## Helene is turning 90!

All alumni staff and campers who attended camp with **Helene Connaty** are invited to a Birthday Tea Party. Please drop by Calvary Baptist Church (downstairs, west hall) at 300 Rosland Rd. E. in Oshawa on December 7th anytime between 2-4 pm to celebrate with Helene. For directions, additional information or to RSVP please contact JoAnn McNeill at 905-668-8802 Mailbox #2. Best Wishes Only.



Watch for 2009 Summer Staff Applications coming to our website in December. Applications will be available at [www.MillStream.ws/opportunities.html](http://www.MillStream.ws/opportunities.html). Contact us with any questions you may have.



# Terrific Tidbitzzz



## Spring & Fall Projects

Around Mill Stream the projects and continual upgrading of our camp facilities never ceases. Here are a few changes since spring:

### Archery Shed Interior and Overhang

This past spring and fall our volunteers stripped the interior of the old food storage building to the studs. Additional electrical outlets, new ceiling and walls, and new light fixtures were installed. A shade overhang was added for the target range.



### Willow Cabin Move

We finally moved Willow Cabin (girls cabin 6) up the hill and placed it alongside the other 5 girls cabins.

### Roll-up Maintenance Door

This fall we installed an electric roll-up door on the front of the maintenance barn. This will enable easy access in the winter months when the snow is deep and the tractor and other equipment is needed.



### Trenching & Electrical Upgrades

Over 1,500 feet of trenching was completed enabling us to complete several jobs that had been on the list for many years. A new water line was buried to the girl's cabin washrooms which finally corrected our low water pressure problem. A water line was buried to the new archery shed so campers can be hydrated

without having to come to the dining hall. Permanent electricity has been buried to the campfire, archery shed and canoe shed. Water has been buried to and installed for the craft room.

## Upcoming Projects



### Program Office/Craft Room Roof

Praise God! - we have received the \$2,000 for the new roof needed on the summer program office/craft room. With winter approaching quickly, we are unlikely to complete the installation of the new roof until spring.

## Fall Open House & Banquet

Our annual Fall Open House and Banquet was held on Saturday, October 4th and included a very fun silent auction! It was an exciting time as we praised God for his faithfulness over the years and heard



testimonies from several past staff and campers. Our silent auction raised over \$1,000 which paid for all the trenching and wiring upgrades this fall. Our banquet income was over \$9,000! PRAISE GOD!

A display of needed projects was introduced which included cabin and pool rebuilding and a climbing wall.

## Oshawa Area Clubs and Prayer Team

Marilynn Manuel of Oshawa is conducting her weekly after school Bible Club in her home. Pray for the children that are attending this year that what they hear and learn will impact their hearts. 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 for a wonderful time of fellowship and prayer.



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