

# Mill Stream Buzz...



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*"Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings." Isaiah 56:12 NIV*



At this point we are not rebuilding ancient ruins but we do feel like "Repairers of Broken Walls" as we are now deep into the Nelson Lodge renovations and as well working on other items that were identified from this past summer's fire inspection.

#### Here is where we're at:

- \* We have 2 fire safety consulting companies working with us. Both companies are owned by Christian men!
- One company is providing their services for free and the second is supplying free or "at cost" materials.
- \* We now have 7 volunteer men and women working on this project on a steady basis. The work on ceilings, walls, electrical, plumbing and framing and has already began. Floor plans, alarm plans and the fire plan are almost completed and we are awaiting approvals.
  - \* We were informed that we require an architect's report before the building department will approve the changes. We have contacted our previous architect who completed our new complex in 2004 to complete this report.
  - \* While the costs of these changes are like a moving target as we discover more requirements, we are estimating the price will be between \$22,000 to \$26,000. This may change once we receive the architects report. We have received approximately \$10,000 in donations so far.



**A very empty Nelson Lodge**

- \* The Lodge remains closed and therefore we can't hold any retreats until the upgrades are completed. This compounds our needs as we have no rental income for the next few months. Please pray that God will continue to meet our needs at the camp by providing finances, personnel and wisdom as we continue to move forward.

**We are excited as we move forward to see how God is in the centre of all of this. We give him the Glory for how he is guiding and supplying.**

## Annual Fall Open House & Banquet



Our annual banquet was fun, friendly and factual. We had fun once again with our silent auction with some amazing deals to be had. It was a friendly time as approximately 100 people enjoyed another great meal together. It was a very comfortable setting as we moved the banquet portion into the auditorium and held the program in the patio. We were blessed to have Dr. Bob Evans, past President of BCM and current BCM



International Representative. Bob shared facts of how God is working around the world and the needs that currently exist. We were pleased that Bob's wife Corrie, could join Bob on this trip to Canada and to Mill Stream for the first time.



Thank you to all who continue to pray and financially support the camp ministry.

We received a combined donation of over \$13,000 from the banquet and silent auction. These funds are being divided up and allocated towards the pool rebuild project and the Nelson Lodge upgrade project.

## Let's think *Summer Camp*...but we haven't had winter yet!

It's ok, winter will come soon enough and so will camp. This year we want to give you a head start on Summer Camp 2010.

With the change in the provincial tax system we need to inform you what it means for camper fees.



The Ontario Provincial Government announced that there will be a Harmonized Tax (HST) introduced as of July 1st, 2010. Our current fee rates include a 3% provincial sales tax (PST accommodation tax) and a 5% federal goods and sales tax (GST). This harmonized tax will combine these two taxes but at a new higher rate of 13% on camper fees. This tax rate change will create a 5% increase in overall fees.

As a result of this change, we have raised our rates only 1% or less to ease the financial effect of this increase. Here, however is a way to save on the large increase. **The OCA (Ontario Camps Association) received notice that if camper fees were paid before May 1st, 2010 even though the campers come after July 1st, 2010, the new HST is not applicable.**

Take advantage of the Earlybird Discount which means up \$26 in savings...register now at [www.millstream.ws](http://www.millstream.ws)!

For more details on this tax change you can go to the Ontario Ministry of Revenue website at [www.rev.gov.on.ca/en/notices/hst/03.html](http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/en/notices/hst/03.html).



## Mail Box Bible Club

They say time flies when you are having fun.

Our 2009 summer camp has come and gone. We had 43 teens age 13 to 15 attend our Trailblazin' camp in August. Many of our cabin leaders attended Mill Stream as campers and are now back in a leadership role.

Thirty-eight children talked to their cabin leader or one of the other leaders concerning making a decision to follow Christ or to rededicate their life. Letters went out to these children



encouraging them to attend a youth or Sunday School program and to join the Mail Box Club.

In the past few months six children have completed Bible lessons and received a certificate from BCM International.  
 Amanda Evans—Uxbridge (2 lessons)  
 Mary Baxter—Whitby  
 Claire Baxter—Whitby  
 Kylie Shaughnessy—Peterborough  
 Nicole Durant—Peterborough  
 Simone Portelli—Hastings

















Many more children have lessons and are working towards completion.

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

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 Uxbridge, ON L9P 1E2

Aunt Mil

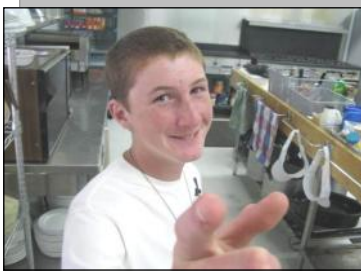


-  **Staff and LTP's** 
-  Staff application forms are now online. Check out the website and download you applications. We are 
-  accepting applications NOW! 
-  **Parents and Campers** 
-  Camper registration forms are now available! You can get registrations forms on the web site or you can 
-  contact us and we will mail you our new flyer and registration form. Flyers will be mailed in January. 
-  **Trailblazin' Campers** 
-  If you are 14 or 15 years old as of July 1st, 2010 you can apply for LTP Camp. Check the website. 



## LTP Camp (2010 Leadership Training Program)

Applications for the 2010 Leadership Training Program are available online line at [www.millstream.ws/ltpcamp.html](http://www.millstream.ws/ltpcamp.html).



This past summer's LTP Camp was the most successful with having a full class.

If you are 14 or 15 years old by July 1st next summer and are interested in becoming involved in Mill Stream you need to apply. We hope to see you here.



## Argo Real Deal Day

On November 7th several of our campers and staff headed down to Rogers Centre to see the Argonauts take on the Montreal Alouettes. While the game was a blow-out (Argos lost....again), we had a great time seeing friends and meeting new contacts at our booth.



There were almost 29,000 CFL fans in attendance and many stayed and went down to the field following the game for an exclusive Christian Post Game Party



which featured testimonies from Argos players, Argos Vice-Chair Michael "Pinball"

Clemons and a special concert performance by "Life Support".

## The Call Outdoors

The Call Outdoors is a ministry that uses hunting as an avenue to build relationships and share Christ. This organization is a ministry of Camp Sankanac which is one of our BCM camps located in southern Pennsylvania.



For the past two years the leaders of this ministry have scouted and hunted water fowl in our area establishing contacts with fellow hunters, believers and land owners. Plans are in the works to have a Game Dinner Seminar to be held in the area. If you are a hunter and are interested in seeing an opportunity to learn more about your sport while providing an outreach opportunity to other hunters check out their website at [www.thecalloutdoors.com](http://www.thecalloutdoors.com) and contact Jeff or Dave.

## Mill Stream Alumni Group

**We need YOU to be part of an exciting new team!**

We are still looking for past and present staff and past campers to form an alumni committee. Our goal is to have representation from almost every decade of the camp ministry.

We do have interest from a few individuals but need to hear from you!

This new alumni committee will set an agenda by initiating projects in the areas of communications,



*Filling the new swimming hole - 1965*



*Building the Nelson Lodge - 1970*

events, historical cataloguing and research including a new web site.

One of the first events we are focusing on will be our 65th anniversary which is in 2011.

Please contact us at [alumni@millstream.ws](mailto:alumni@millstream.ws) to get involved with this exciting team.



## Mill Stream Website

Don't forget to checkout our website which was updated in the past couple of weeks with next year's information. Here are some of the things that you can find on our site:

- 📄 Find summer camps descriptions and registrations  
[www.millstream.ws/summercamps.html](http://www.millstream.ws/summercamps.html)
- 📄 See retreat rental information  
[www.millstream.ws/retreat.html](http://www.millstream.ws/retreat.html)
- 📄 Take a virtual tour of the camp  
[www.millstream.ws/tour.html](http://www.millstream.ws/tour.html)
- 📄 Read our silent auction donors names  
[www.millstream.ws/banquet.html](http://www.millstream.ws/banquet.html)
- 📄 View our photo archives  
[www.millstream.ws/pictures.html](http://www.millstream.ws/pictures.html)
- 📄 Have a glimpse of the camp property in 1949  
[www.millstream.ws/oldlocationoverhead.html](http://www.millstream.ws/oldlocationoverhead.html)

Please take you time and look through the whole sight.

## Oshawa Area Clubs and Prayer Team



Thank you for you prayers for Marilyn as she postponed hosting our monthly prayer time and her after school Bible Club for several months. Marilyn has started her fall club and has new children attending from the very first week. Marilyn has also resumed our monthly prayer time with our annual Christmas luncheon coming in December. Please contact us if you would like to attend.

Won't you consider hosting a monthly Prayer Team in your home? We know that prayer is the source of our power and God wants to answer our needs. Please call us toll-free at 877-979-9990 or email us at [office@millstream.ws](mailto:office@millstream.ws) for more information about partnering in prayer with us.

## Volunteer Workers

This fall all of our efforts have been focussed on the renovations required in Nelson Lodge. The Lodge has served the ministry well for the past 39 years. This ministry would not survive without the high level of dedication that our volunteers commit themselves to.



We praise God for our volunteers and ask that you pray for their health and safety.

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!

## Projects

With all the needs and projects at the camp it is easy to become overwhelmed but God tells us to "Cast our cares upon Him". Please pray with us in asking God to provide for the many financial needs of the camp.



Here is a list of some of the priority items. Ask God to reveal to you how you can help and share with others that can partner with us to fulfill these many financial needs of the camp. God can be Glorified through it all.

These are estimated costs only:

**Nelson Lodge**—Fire Alarm System, Emergency Exit Lighting, Fire Doors and Closures, Fire-coat for wood—\$22,000

**Winter Motel**—Repairs to meet fire code—\$1,000

**Kitchen**—Stand-up freezers—\$4,000

**Pool Repairs**—\$35,000

**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**



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