



The Mill Stream Messenger



Welcome to the Mill Stream Messenger! Thank you so much for picking up this edition of our newsletter. We are celebrating God's faithfulness to us through another summer of camp! There are many exciting things happening at camp, and we can't wait to tell you all about them!



One of those exciting things is our upcoming Fall Banquet. Every year Mill Stream hosts a lunch banquet on the last Saturday of September to celebrate a summer filled with God's blessing. We would absolutely love to see you there! There is no cost to attend but an offering will be taken up during the program if you feel led to support this ministry financially. We are so excited to see you there! See all of the details below.

Mill Stream Bible Camp & Retreat Centre

BCM International (Canada) Inc.

You're Invited to Join us for our Annual Open House & Luncheon Banquet

**On Saturday, September 28th,
12 Noon at**

Mill Stream Bible Camp & Retreat Centre
880 Old Mill Road, Omeme, Ontario



Open house will start at 11am
Lunch and program at 12pm
Open House will continue after Lunch

TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS
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From The Director



Greetings from Mill Stream and the Mordens!

I am the new camp director here, and have taken over from Larry, who has changed roles to Facility and Project Manager. My wife, Laura, and I moved into the camp house at the end of May with our baby daughter, Ivah. We are very excited to be taking on this new role! Some of you know that Laura and I met here at Mill Stream eighteen years ago. If you had asked us then if

we'd be coming back to direct the camp, we would have thought you were crazy, but God has His own marvellously sovereign plan!

Over the years God has built our tool kits in many different ways: working at other camps, with youth groups, and in schools. He has given us a passion to see the young people of the church trained up and disciplined and we are hoping to build on the great things that are already happening at Mill Stream.

BCM's vision is: *"Reaching children... serving the Church and the Family"*. Our vision for the camp is exactly the same: reach children with the gospel; support the church by training the next generation of leaders; providing a place for fellowship, training and retreat; and supporting families through the two previous goals. We are looking forward to seeing what God has planned for His camp!

Stephen Morden aka Grover

Projects Update!

Praise God and thanks to our faithful volunteers for staying the course this past spring to have Boy's Cabin 3 ready for the summer. The deck, patio roof and vinyl was all completed before summer. Only soffit, fascia and flooring remain which we will complete this fall.

Please pray with us that we will receive the funds this fall to continue the cabin renewal project as we look at starting Boy's Cabin 1 & 2.

Would you join us this coming September 28th for our Annual Banquet and Open House to see what God has provided and to hear how you can help us move this project forward!





Thank you so much to everyone who made it out to our summer open house this year!

We were able to meet lots of campers, staff, and families through this event. It was an amazing time with a lot of food, games, music, and fun to be had!

One of the highlights that was really well received was the silent auction. There were many prizes donated from many different

corporations, including Pickering Village Museum, Canada's Wonderland, Brimacombe Ski, The CNE, and *many* more! There was something for everyone. We are so thankful to everyone who came out and had fun with us. We are looking forward to running this as an annual event, so we are looking forward to seeing you next year! Stay tuned next spring for details.

We would also like to take a moment to thank the planning team, and all of the sponsors, volunteers, and vendors who made this event possible. We couldn't have done it without you!

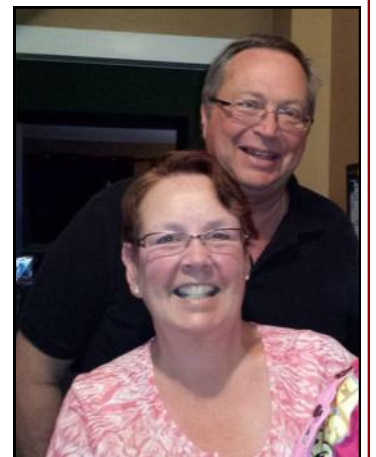


From The Missionaries

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over already! It feels like it just began with the late start this year due to the weather. Our summer went very fast with all the changes we have been experiencing, a new home, new jobs, and new living arrangements. Hopefully we will settle into a good pace.

Please continue to pray for us as we transition into a different lifestyle and responsibilities, and as we seek God's will for us in the future in this ministry.

One new initiative is the development of our Mill Stream Alumni Group which we hope to launch before Christmas. We are currently assembling our Alumni Team. If you are interested in being a part of the core team please don't hesitate to contact Larry at larry@millstream.camp for details.



We give all the Glory to God for what he has accomplished through the camp this past year.

Larry and Cindy Chupa

So... What's it REALLY Like?

Being a Mill Stream staff member is something that many campers and LTPers have long wondered about. Well, I'm here to take the mystery out of it for you! We had such a blast with this year's staff team. Every year is filled with unique personalities that add to the dynamic of what becomes a true family by the end of the summer.

Being a staff member at Mill Stream sometimes looks like being really goofy and having a lot of fun. Sometimes it looks a little bit more serious, like being able to share what God has done in your life at campfire. It involves a lot of laughter, sunscreen, and hard work. Our staff are connected to many different jobs at camp, and all of them are equally important. Each and every one of our staff, regardless of role, come to camp to serve God and to see him glorified (and to have lots of fun).

Thanks so much to our staff team for such a great summer, and we hope to see you back next year! To all of our up and coming staff members that will be joining us next summer, we are excited to get you involved in all of the shenanigans that we get up to!



A Special Note of Gratitude...

One of the most amazing things that happens at camp is watching God answer prayer. As camp staff, we meet every single morning to pray together during the summer. However, we know that we are not the only ones that lift Mill Stream up in prayer; this amazing group of prayer warriors has been praying over Mill Stream for many years. During May and June, while the program team is getting ready for summer camp, we attend prayer meetings with them, and it is a tradition that we hold very dear. We are so grateful for their dedication and for earnestly in seeking God by bringing our needs to Him.



This is a picture of the group that has been doing this for many years. They would love to have others join them, and they meet once a month in Oshawa. If you are interested, contact

Larry by email and he can get you in touch.

In addition, we recognize that many of you reading this often support us in prayer as well, and we cannot express how grateful we are for that. **Thank you for your love and support for this ministry!**

A Reflection from Program

Thinking back on another amazing summer...



“Welcome aboard to your High Seas Adventures!” This is one of the first phrases you would have heard this summer. You would have seen the smiling faces of our summer staff lined up in their bright blue staff shirts as you entered the gym to check-in. The first person you would see at the check-in table was the captain of this adventure, the mighty Grover. This is what you could expect to see on your first day at Mill Stream this summer.

This summer, we experienced life on the High Seas.

Campers received a personalized Marina Badge when they arrived. They then learned how to be apart of the crew by bunking together with other campers in a cabin. They diligently recovered buried treasure and ancient artifacts, returning them to their rightful owners for honour and glory. The Captain gave numerous challenges to the campers, including cryptic cartography (a scavenger hunt), sand castle building, and cannon training (an archery tournament). We also got a chance to experience high-class cruise line cuisine with our weekly banquet. From morning electives to the camp wide games, campers had the chance to experience new things and learn new things. We brought back some of the good ol’ classic



camp games like rainbow tag and played some new themed games. One of our favorite games this summer was called Stowaways, the campers were trying to get across the gym to steal ‘supplies’. The trick was to make it across without getting caught by the ship’s sleeping crew! It was hilarious watching the campers try not to get caught, as well as trying to smooth talk their way out of going to jail. No matter what the game was, it was so amazing seeing how much fun they had!



This summer was amazing! We always say that check-in day feels like a big camp reunion. Staff are reconnected with returning campers and get to meet all our new campers! Then the Mill Stream family is formed once more. What a blessing it is to introduce campers to the wonders of camp. Everywhere we looked, we could see God at work. He blessed us with a FANTASTIC group of staff who loved Him, each other, and our campers! They were so willing to give their summer to God and share their testimonies with one another. We praise God for the opportunities we had to share His love and His truth

this summer. We rejoice for the amazing work that God accomplishes in only a short week at Mill Stream. Praise God for the amazing work He did this summer and pray that the campers and staff continue to grow in what they have learned and experienced.

It was an honour and a blessing for us to be in this role this summer, God was and is always good!

Thanks for joining us on our High Seas Adventure!

“Sea” you next summer!

Ske7ch and Curly Fry

Whats coming up?

Want to be Featured? Check us out on Social Media!

You may have noticed that over the past several newsletters we have been featuring comics, artwork, and written entries from our summer staff. This has been a great way to show how camp impacts lots of different people.



Are you an artist, poet, writer, or photographer? Do you have stories about camp that you would love to share with others in the Mill Stream community? We would love to feature your *Mill Stream* themed art, poem, comic, or other creative media in our newsletter! While we cannot guarantee that everything we receive will be put in the newsletter, it would be great to hear your stories about how camp has impacted you. To submit something for the newsletter, email lizzy@millstream.camp for more details!

Are you following us on our social media platforms? Over the past couple of months, we have been doing all sort of fun things on Facebook and Instagram. You can always catch up on what has been happening at camp. We have even been doing some giveaways lately!



The lovely lady behind our social media presence is Elizabeth Mayhew, aka "Cheeko". She has been coordinating our social media for almost a year now, and

we are so happy to have her on board!

Thanks for all you do Cheeko!



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Or go to our website:
www.millstream.camp



You may think that camp is just for the kids, but this could not be farther from the truth! We are always looking for individuals and families to get involved at Mill Stream and to join our community.

Join as a volunteer! We are still in the midst of our cabin rebuild. If you would be interested in getting involved in that, contact Larry for more details.

Bring us to your church! Part of our focus at Mill Stream is to reach out to the church. In the summer, you bring your kids and teens to us, but in the other 10 months of the year, we would love to come to you! Contact the office if you'd like to have us at your church.

The Mill Stream Messenger is a camp ministry newsletter for campers, parents, staff, and supporters of Mill Stream Bible camp. For information on booking a rental, registration for summer camps, and anything else you may need, visit our website at: www.millstream.camp

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