



The Mill Stream Messenger

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again: Rejoice! *Philippians 4:4 NIV*



As we move closer towards our winter season, 2020 has indeed been a different and challenging year for everyone. Most of us have experienced much change, some more than others, but we have all experienced it.

Relying on God's promises of a better tomorrow or "everything will be alright"

is more than just a saying or a word of encouragement, it is an active commitment...a commitment that you will truly trust God in difficult times and learn to rejoice in not just the good, but also the troubled times.

At camp we have seen our more than fair share of difficulties this year, yet we are actively perusing God's promise of brighter days ahead. This is our hope...this should be all of our hope that when we get through to the other side of our difficulties we will see God Glorified!

We have already experienced some of our hope fulfilled. We are now allowed to be open for day activities and day retreats and have several bookings. We are thankful that we can begin to operate again at this point to finally have some revenue for the camp operations.

To those of you who donated this fall at our Open House/BBQ we offer you a big THANK YOU as we received over \$5,000 in donations...we Praise God for you partnering with us.

Our desire for this coming summer is that we will have some form of camp whether it be overnight, day camp or family camp...our hope is to connect once again with you and your family at Mill Stream.

A note from the directors



As we enter the Christmas Season we have so much to be thankful for.

We give praise to God for all of the supporters of this ministry that have partnered so faithfully over the many years. As we work and move around the camp property daily, we marvel at how God has supplied such an amazing place for kids and teens to come and discover our creator.

We give praise to God for the faithful volunteers who come all year round to improve and repair the facilities making camp safe and enjoyable for all who attend.

We give praise to God for keeping us safe during a strange and different world this year.

We also give praise to God for excitement we and many others have for the future of Mill Stream.

We ask for your prayers as we begin our planning season for next summer that God will supply the resources, ideas, wisdom, energy and staffing to complete His will for His camp.

Also, BCM Canada is in the process of searching for a new Director. Please pray for Phil and the Board as they continue to seek for a new Director over the next few months.

We ask that you will join us in prayer for the finances of the camp as we have received very little income since March.

We REJOICE in the great things He has done! *Larry & Cindy Chupa aka LarryBoy & Aunt Sid*



Hello! Ske7ch and Curly Fry here...Boy-Oh-Boy did we miss you all this summer!

Things have definitely not been the same without all of our campers this past summer. Being away from camp makes me reminisce on why I love Mill Stream. I think about the beauty of nature and how peaceful it is in the morning by the river. I miss the smell of freshly cut grass when LarryBoy goes by on the tractor (even though I'm VERY allergic to grass.) Every time I smell chlorine I think of swimming on a hot summer day at the pool. When I hear children laughing and playing I think of all the wide games we would play in the evening.

One of my favourite things about camp is watching the campers grow up. Seeing them mature and their personalities develop as they gain a week of independence. This week is so important for kids, as they get to explore their interests in a safe setting, gain new social skills by making friendships and working cooperatively with people with different backgrounds and life experiences. They get away from screens and spend time in God's beautiful creation, and they get to just be a kid for a week (which is so important).

But most importantly, this independence gives them a space to explore who God is, how much He loves them, and who He made them to be. I love seeing those young campers who were so shy and quiet their first year grow into strong and confident leaders who not only know who Jesus is, but have a personal and real relationship with Him and a deep love for Him. Many actually grow up to become the next generation of our staff (applications coming soon!) where they continue to learn how to lead, to love those around them, and how to use the gifts God gave them to glorify Him.

In fact this summer one of our campers missed camp so much that she created her own! She planned it and ran it at her home (with some help from her parents).

When you think back to summers at camp as a kid, you'll remember the tuck shop, doing cannonballs into the pool, or sprinting around during a wide game. But as these kids grow older, they'll remember camp as the place where they began to see God in a different way, and to see that He is closer and loves them more than they ever thought. They maybe will remember camp as the place where they met Him for the first time. I can say all this because I was one of those kids not too long ago, and I can't wait to hear all that God is doing through camp this summer and Lord willing for many more to come. See you all soon :)

Ske7ch & Curly Fry

Projects Update!

Our volunteers are moving right along with the refurbishment of the Boys Cabins. With 2 cabins completely finished they have started on Cabin 1...well, more than



started! The cabin already has all the windows, electrical, insulation and pine finished inside and are now working on the exterior. We give thanks to those who have partnered with us in this project and to the volunteers who put in so many hours, but we mostly Praise God for His continued faithfulness with this ministry. Lord willing, if we can operate summer camp once again next year, we will have 3 beautiful Boys Cabins to occupy.



Prayer Partners Prayer is the most important way for you to support this ministry.

Our prayer support group usually happens on the second Tuesday each month at Marilyn Manuel's but do to Covid-19 we can't be together in person, but we can still all pray at home. Please remember us during your prayer time.



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