



Answered pray, answered prayer,  
 answered prayer!  
 God is very busy answering prayer... it is so  
 exciting and encouraging to pass his blessings

along.  
 Spring and summer has been such a huge mix of  
 prayer, blessings, trials, more prayer and amazing  
 answers. We trust you will find this edition of Mill  
 Stream Buzz an encouragement and challenge as  
 God continues to use his people in this place.

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

*On Saturday, September 29th,  
 12 Noon at*

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

*Come and see what God is doing!  
 This year we are holding a Luncheon at 12 Noon*

*Open house will start at 11am  
 and will continue after Lunch*

*A short program will follow Lunch*



There is no charge for this luncheon,  
 however an offering will be taken  
 towards the banquet costs, the Cabin  
 Replacement Project and towards this  
**year's operating deficit.**

Special music and testimonies will be  
 presented by our own Summer Staff.  
 Updates about building projects and  
**God's direction will be presented.**

**TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS**  
 Call Toll Free 877-979-9990  
 or Email Us at [office@millstream.ws](mailto:office@millstream.ws)

**Transportation arrangements can be made for those  
 travelling from Oshawa, Whitby and Bowmanville  
 by calling  
 877-979-9990**

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 24TH



**Message from the Director**

Wow! Where did summer go!

Isn't it amazing how long we wait for summer and then it passes so quickly? This spring and summer was no exception as many situations and challenges unfolded before our eyes. Isn't it just as amazing to see his wonderful promises and truths revealed to us year after year as well?

For Cindy and I this has been a personally difficult time as we both lost our fathers, but **God's grace is sufficient as we continue to follow his lead.**

As you read through this letter we trust that you will experience the blessings he has provided through challenges and answered prayer in this ministry. Prayer is an essential cornerstone of this ministry. Thank you for your continued prayers as we serve our faithful God.

**Please don't forget to join us on September 29th at the camp and help us rejoice in God's faithfulness.**

Larry Chupa  
 Director/Administrator



# BCM Canada National Conference

From May 14th to May 18th we hosted

the BCM International Canadian Conference for the first time at Mill Stream. Canadian missionaries attended and shared their ministries from across Canada and abroad. We



even had the opportunity to Skype and converse with our Canadian missionaries serving in Spain and Italy.



Great teaching was provided by some of our local pastors. We had an encouraging time with our missionaries and National Board members.



## LTP Camp

The 2012 LTP (Leadership Training Program) Camp was promising as we were full this year with 10 candidates.

Having completed our 7th year of LTP Camp, we continue to see this program develop into an intentional training time preparing these young teens for future ministry either at camps, churches or in their communities. The leadership attributes and values which they are taught here are transferrable and applicable to any part of their lives.



Our 2012 LTP Candidates

## 2012 SUMMER CAMPS

This year we operated four different types of camps.

Each camp was unique to a specific age group or feature but all with a western/pioneering theme spun throughout the summer.

**Trekkin' Camp** was a traditional camp for ages 8-13. **Trailblazin' Camp** was for our 13-15 year old teens. **Beginnin' Camp** is now in it's 4th year and has grown from 7 campers initially, to 29 campers this year! What amazing fun we had.



2012 Beginnin' Camp

Our newest addition, **Explorin' Camp**, was a wonderful week filled with fun games, new challenges, great activities and electives, and a short canoe trip.



Explorin' Camp

We experienced many challenges this summer but as we teach and hold on to the truths written in God's word we can claim that **"God alone is our rock and salvation, He is our fortress and we will never be shaken!"**

We praise God for the children, teens, staff and volunteers He sent this year and for the decisions that were made to follow Christ and make him Lord!





*Our crazy 2012 summer staff*

## Fall Staff Retreat

This coming Thanksgiving weekend we will be hosting once again a Staff Retreat. This will be an opportunity for our 2012 summer staff to return for a couple of days of fun, reflection and reconnecting from *Friday, October 5th to Sunday, October 7th*.

We wish to show our appreciation to this special and unique group who sacrificed and served God this past summer.

As our thanks to this year's staff members, there will be no charge to attend however you must RSVP us no later than October 1st if you wish to attend.



*Staff Retreat—Thanksgiving 2012*

We hope to see you there!

## What's coming up?

Don't forget our Annual Open House & Banquet which is returning on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

This year we will have a lunch meal again.

Mark your calendars as you won't want to miss this very special event with updates, great music, fun, fellowship and wonderful food. Please remember to RSVP us either by a toll-free phone call to 877-979-9990 or by email to office @millstream.ws.



## Answered Prayer...God's Way...JIT

After several years of fundraising, planning and specific intercessory prayer, God delivered us a rebuilt pool just-in-time (JIT) for camp this summer.

The work started ahead of schedule with the mild early spring weather but difficulties began when the many days of sporadic rain appeared. Due to the nature of the work, certain aspects of the project could only be completed on days when there was no threat of any moisture both that day or for several days to follow. Coupled with the failure of the existing filters when we first turned on the pump, delay was inevitable...however, God is faithful!!!



*Removal of fence, deck and Old plumbing in March*



*Our volunteers applying the coats of rubberized paint to the pool surface*

Through the tireless efforts of our dedicated volunteers and the timely help of our pool contractor, the work was completed in time to have the pool ready 4 days before camp started.

## Answered Prayer...Again!

For several months we had been praying that this project would be fully-funded prior to camp starting and therefore there would not be any financial burden from this project this summer...we received an anonymous cheque only days before the first campers arrive to pay the project off entirely! PRAISE GOD we serve a mighty God who already knows the outcome and moves His people in His timing!



*JIT for this year!*

## Spring Projects

Our volunteers kept busy this spring at the camp completing more projects. Most of the new soffit and fascia has been installed on the Nelson Lodge which should be completed this fall. The new benches in the dining room were well received this summer.



PRAISE GOD for these wonderful servants! Much attention this spring was placed on

the pool reconstruction which was completed primarily by contractors.

## Pray, Pray and Pray...

...is exactly what we need to do as God commands us to do this in following Him in obedience.

In Nehemiah 1: 1-11 we find that we must first acknowledge who God is and his power and authority and that we cannot do it on our own (vs.5). Second we **must express our need for God's intervention** (vs.6). We will also **find God's success through prayer** (vs.11). Nehemiah calls out **eleven times for God's help and intervention.**



Please join us this year in focussed prayer for the camp ministry by:

- Putting us on your prayer schedule
- Sending our prayer requests to others
- Attending our prayer & fellowship time in **Oshawa at Marilyn Manuel's home the second Tuesday afternoon of each month**
- By starting your own prayer group praying for specific needs of the camp ministry

And then contact us so we can communicate our requests to you or your group. **"Our God is Able!"**

## Staff Spring Cleanup & Retreat

This past April we had several past staff and future hopefuls show up for a rewarding time of fellowship, fun and hard work getting the summer camp open and ready for retreats and events.



We give thanks to those who helped us accomplish so much during this weekend.

## Mailbox Bible Club...

Mailbox Bible Club is alive and well throughout North America with BCM reporting over 17,000 registered participants.

Our local coordinator is Ruby who is waiting to hear from you!



You can reach Ruby at  
679 Blackwood Blvd. Oshawa, ON  
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**or email the camp and we'll put you in touch!**

If you prefer to complete your lessons on-line you can go directly to the Mailbox Club website at

[www.mailboxclubonline.org](http://www.mailboxclubonline.org)

to register and then contact us at [office@millstream.ws](mailto:office@millstream.ws) to let us know you have started!

## Mill Stream Web Site

Check out what's available on our web site at [www.MillStream.ws](http://www.MillStream.ws)

*Coming Soon!*

- 2012 Summer Camp Photos and videos
- Revised Web Site format
- More summer camp forms on-line

*Mill Stream Buzz is a camp ministry newsletter for Campers, Parents, Staff and Supporters of Mill Stream*

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