



Mill Stream BUZZ...

SUMMER 2015

"Our God is Able." Daniel 3:17 (NIV)

As we think about this summer's camp Bible theme we can't help but reflect and rejoice in the truth that has been spoken by these words. So many times we can use a phrase like this in passing when we see God fulfill

prayers and answer needs. However, do we spend the time in really recognizing and praising how powerful and majestic He is as His Work and His Will is being completed through us? This summer we have seen His power on a real day-to-day basis as we deal with staffing needs, homesick children, and children who need Christ's salvation as they deal with a complex and difficult world. Truly, **Our God is Able!**

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

On Saturday, October 3rd

*New Date
this Year!*

12 Noon at

*Come and enjoy
the Fall colours!*

Mill Stream Bible Camp & Retreat Centre

880 Old Mill Road, Omeme, Ontario

There is no charge for this luncheon, however an offering will be taken towards the banquet costs and the Cabin Replacement Project.



TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS
Call Toll Free 877-979-9990
Email office@millstream.ws

LIMITED SEATS - PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 29th

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW...ALL ARE WELCOME...WE HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE!

Come and see what God is doing!

Come and see the finished new cabins

Open house will start at 11am

Luncheon and program at 12 Noon

Open House will continue after Lunch

Join us for an update about our new cabin buildings and meet and hear testimonies from some of our Summer Staff members.



Special music will be directed by our own Summer Staff.

Message from the Director

What an incredible summer we are having!

With so many new campers, new staff and new program leadership, it is always exciting to see how God answers prayer and how He puts His team together.

God once again has supplied an amazing group of young men and women who are dedicated to serve God together by serving our campers.

God once again has answered so many prayers including the provision of our needs for nurses and lifeguards.

God once again answered prayer by bringing us children and teens who are in need of hearing the Good News of Christ, many for the first time.

It has been amazing how He has answered prayer during the summer. Come and join us on October 3rd for lunch to hear and celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness for another great year.

Larry Chupa

Our New Cabins!

This is our second summer occupying our new cabins on the girls' side of camp.



Our new cabins are welcomed by our campers, staff and parents alike. We are so thankful to our supporters and volunteers who made these buildings possible.

Over this past winter the flooring, shelving, railings and curtains were completed.



This past spring, interlocking brick ramps were completed allowing better accessibility for our Handi*Camp guests into the new cabins.

This coming fall the gas heat will be installed allowing us to utilize the cabins for our winter retreat season.

Come and tour our completed cabins on October 3rd and join us as we celebrate God's faithfulness.

New Activity



Our new Pit Ball is a hit!

The installation of our new Pit Ball game has been very successful.

Pit Ball is a variation of Dodge Ball where people

inside the octagon must roll or tap the ball to hit one another. When hit, the person is out. The last person standing wins the game.

Our New Kitchen Equipment!



Thanks to our wonderful donors we were able to purchase new kitchen cooking equipment.

A new oven with a 6-burner stove, a new 36 inch flat-top grill and a new 6-shelf convection oven were purchased and installed this past spring.

Cooking time has been reduced significantly with this new equipment. The old equipment served us very well for over forty years and was sold to be used for a maple syrup operation.

Bye, Bye Playground...

With great regret we removed the aging playground this year. We felt it was time to remove it before it became a hazard.

We do have enough metal components and slides to install a larger, conforming playground. We require the use of a backhoe and men who are willing to volunteer their time to put a giant Mechano type set together.



Spring Cleanup Retreat

Our cleanup weekend was held once again at the end of April.

Thanks to our staff and future staff who came and completed the cleaning in preparation for the opening of the seasonal portion of the camp for this summer.



2015 Summer Camp Staff

God once again provided us with amazing summer staff!



Mill Stream 2015 Summer Staff

It is always so exciting to see how God will grow staff members each summer and this year was no exception. It takes a team for camp to run effectively and this year's team was truly great.

Our 2015 Summer Camps

This summer we once again experienced God's amazing grace as He has answered so much prayer.

We fully relied on God to fill the much needed positions of nurses and lifeguards. In many situations He chose to answer those prayers with less than 48 hours to go.

Thanks to so many who prayed and used their resources and contacts to help fill these needs.

Our theme this year was *It's a jungle...* and its has been applied in various ways depending on the age of the campers for the week.

Our Bible theme was based on the life of David...Our God is able!



Mill Stream 2015 Week 2 Camp

Mill Stream Leadership Training Program

This is our 10th year running our LTP Program.

This program is very successful in preparing teens to become servant leaders and future staff. Five of last year's graduates returned as staff this summer.

A new addition to our training team who has been part of camp as a long-term camper, staff member, and head lifeguard for several years joined our program this summer.



CONNECT

On May 30th to June 1st Mill Stream held it's 2nd Annual Father/Son CONNECT Retreat with Dr. Craig Brannan teaching the next step to reconciliation.



Many activities were offered including archery, indoor rock climbing, canoeing, paddleboating, fishing and floor hockey. We did not allow the rain to dampen our time together.

Mailbox Bible Club...

Campers! Another great summer of camps is completed and Ruby is waiting to hear from you. You can reach Ruby at 679 Blackwood Blvd. Oshawa, ON L1K 0G7 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
to register and then contact us to let us know you have started!



What's happening?

Lots of Spring Projects!

One more Poplar tree...



Hydro One Forestry Division returned just before summer to remove one more old Poplar tree.

It is our hope that with the removal of so many old Poplar trees we will reduce the frequency of power outages in the future.

We have also trenched more underground wiring and removed the

overhead wires which were susceptible to wind storms.

The boys' cabin bathrooms received a facelift this spring with new siding, soffit and fascia on the outside and fresh paint on the interior. New path lighting was also completed in time for this summer.



The nature shed also received a much needed facelift with new vinyl siding, aluminum soffit and fascia, and a new door.

Donated curtain toppers finished off the upgrading of the interior of the infirmary.



New entrance signage was donated enhancing the first impression of Mill Stream when driving into the camp property.

Two new main windows were purchased and installed in the camp house.

These new windows will can be opened to allow air flow through the main level of the house on hot days and will help significantly with heating bill in the winter. The old windows did not open, but were very drafting during the cold winter months. We hope to receive enough donations to complete the other 11 windows over the next year. e give thanks to the volunteers who worked on this through the toughest winter in 25 years to ensure it was ready for our nurses at camp this summer.



Prayer Partners

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

Please contact us if you wish to start a prayer support group or join us the second Tuesday each month at Marilyn Manuel's home at 163 Gibbons Street in Oshawa. You can contact us at the camp at 877-979-9990 or email at office@millstream.camp for further information.



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