



Reaching Children, Serving the Church  
SINCE 1946

# Mill Stream BUZZ...

SUMMER 2017

**"God alone is my rock and my fortress; . . . I will never be shaken."**

**PSALM 62:2** This summer's Bible theme seems to become more applicable to us each day as we all meet more challenges in this life. Peter's life is such a realistic example of how we can always

reach out for forgiveness even when we mess up and an illustration of how amazing God's grace is. Won't you join us for this year's open house and a great lunch and see how you can partner with us as we seek to share the truth of the Gospel with so many who are searching?

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

**On Saturday, September 23rd**

Enjoy a great  
Roast Beef  
lunch!

**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, operating debt and future projects.



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

LIMITED SEATS - PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 19th

**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 now with gas fireplaces**

**Open house will start at 11am**

**Luncheon and program at 12 Noon**

**Open House will continue after Lunch**

Join us for an updates about our new cabins and future projects.

Special music will be provided by our own Summer Staff.



Come, hear and meet our new BCM Global Member Care Minister, Don Crowder, as he shares about his new role at BCM International.

## Message from the Director

It's another great summer completed!

While we experienced a record breaking wet spring and a very damp summer, the weather did not dampen our excitement as we enjoyed a fantastic summer program celebrating our nations 150th birthday, studied the failures and successes of the life of Peter and how they can apply to us, and watched the joy as our campers completed their electives and newly introduced "Order" levels.

We watched as God answered prayers for many of our needs and by bringing 13 children and teens who were in need of hearing the hope and Good News to become followers of Christ.

Please enjoy reading the updates in this letter as to what God is accomplishing through this camp ministry.

We thank you for your continued prayers and support of this ministry as we continue to rejoice in what a great God we serve.



*Larry Chupa aka "LarryBoy"*

# 2017 Summer Camps Program's Portrait

## -A report from our Program Coordinator-

God has blessed the Mill Stream campers and staff with another amazing summer!

This year, we had the privilege of joining our country in celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. Over the course of the summer we celebrated just about every way you can at camp.



We sent brave volunteers floating across the "St. Lawrence" (the pool) in cardboard boats. We participated in the Yukon Gold Rush, where we even had to run away from some "bandits" who looked an awful lot like some staff we knew.

We delighted in a weekly firework display. Our teen campers experienced life in the Canadian military. We even managed to fit in some bobsledding and a snowball fight.



One of our most exciting Canadian additions this year was giving each camper the opportunity to complete challenges to join the Order of the Beaver or the Order of the Maple. Campers completed the challenges to earn repurposed, embroidered badges which were last used at Mill Stream in the 90's.

We had many campers earn a badge and a few made it to the Order of the Beaver or the Maple. The badge system was not only a lot of fun but it encouraged campers to try activities they might not normally do, including reciting verses to the Bible teacher. (But don't tell the campers about our secret mission...)



## 2017 Summer Camp Staff

This year, we were also blessed with a huge proportion of returning staff. More than seventy percent of our team were returning staff. This staff loves camp and it shows. Of course, camp wouldn't be complete without the excitement of some new staff. God also gave us that too.

This year we welcomed Jazz, Maestro, Gold Fish, Proton, Keyna, Cinnamon, Ocean, Click, Bandee and Tique to the Mill Stream staff family. The Mill Stream staff also got to reunite



**Mill Stream 2017 Summer Staff**

with many return campers this summer. Even more exciting was the many campers who came to Mill Stream for multiple weeks in the same summer. What an amazing opportunity to build close, mentoring relationships with these kids! We miss you already!

Lastly, I just want to praise God for the amazing work he did at Mill Stream this summer. There are so many moments I could describe, so many blessings to discuss but I want to leave you with just one mental picture that summarizes why I return to camp each year. It was our afternoon activity time. So, the staff were spread out leading different activities and the campers were free to choose whichever activity to enjoy. I stepped outside the office and was met with the most wonderful mixture of noises. To my right, I could hear sounds of laughter as children and staff splashed and played in the Mill Stream pool.



In front of me, I could hear children reciting God's word to the Bible teacher amidst the Bible teacher's encouragement.

Just a little further ahead, I could hear some staff and campers singing praise songs to God with the accompaniment of the camp's faithful ukulele.



To my left, I heard the laughter and happy conversation of groups of staff and campers who haven't met before this week but are getting closer by the minute. It is the sound of a joy-filled, God-centred community.

It might not be music in the traditional sense, but it's the sweetest song I know. And it's one only the Master Composer could write.

*Samwidge*



## What's happening? Spring Projects! The New Cabins...Ready!

We continue to praise God that we received the needed funding last fall to replace the final 2 cabins on the girls side.

We believe in miracles and were awakened by the many small miracles that occurred for these two cabins to be built in time for camp this past summer.



The group of men from the Berean Church in Pottstown, Pennsylvania contacted us willing to complete a project this spring. These men were

here in 2010 and completed several projects around the camp.

The biggest challenge this year was trying to dig holes, pour pillars and build the cabins while there was very little relief with the rain falling almost constantly for a month.



God provided windows of opportunity which provided perfect timing to complete each stage of the project.



The structures were framed, decks built, trusses placed, roofs installed and wiring completed in 5 days!

Our thanks go to these wonderful men who gave of their time to get this project to the point where we could finish them.



The remainder of the work was completed by our faithful volunteers who are such a huge example of what a servant is.

We praise God and thank our volunteers who made sure these cabins would be usable by summer!



**A final reminder about our new updated website and email address**

This past January 1st we launched a new updated website and changed our website and email address to:

[www.millstream.camp](http://www.millstream.camp) and [office@millstream.camp](mailto:office@millstream.camp)

Please update your bookmarks and address books now to reflect the new information to keep in touch. The old "millstream.ws" web site and email addresses will not be functional after December 31st, 2017!



This is our 12th year running our LTP (Leadership Training Program) Camp.

This successful program has prepared over 80 teens now to become servant leaders and future staff.

This year we had 8 who attended this year!

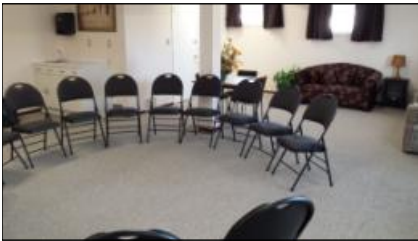
Out of the LTP'ers who attended from 2006 to 2016 we've had 34 return as staff over the years and 8 come back as senior leadership staff!



## Winter Project Completion



Our Riverview Lounge is now completed and functional. This much needed space has already been well used this year.



The Lounge is very comfortable with new chairs, a washroom, a service counter and a comfortable sitting area.

## 2017-18 Rentals Camps

Did you know that Mill Stream is also an excellent Retreat Centre to book and serves over 20 retreat groups each year?

**We are now booking for Fall 2017, Winter and Spring 2018!**

For more information about what we offer, prices, accommodations and activities please check us out at:

[www.millstream.camp/retreat1](http://www.millstream.camp/retreat1)  
or contact us by email at [info@millstream.camp](mailto:info@millstream.camp) or by phone at **877-979-9990**



## Instagram

We're now on Instagram! You can follow us at [millstreambiblecamp](https://www.instagram.com/millstreambiblecamp) to keep up-to-date on what's happening.



For the 17th year Handi\*Camp, which is a ministry of BCM International Canada, held one week of camp for challenged children in August.

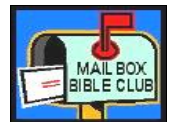
This was one of their largest camps with 23 campers attending.

## Thank you to all of the volunteers

who will be returning this fall to serve another year.

Please remember our volunteers in prayer as they serve tirelessly to keep our facilities updated and operational. Without these men and women it would not be possible for Mill Stream to offer such wonderful accommodations and programs.

## 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](http://www.mailboxclubonline.org) to register and then contact us to let us know you have started!

## 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](mailto:office@millstream.camp) for further information.



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



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