



Mill Stream Buzz is a camp ministry newsletter for Campers, Parents, Staff and Supporters of Mill Stream from the desks of Larry (LamyBoy) & Cindy (Aunt Sid) Chupa

Greetingzzz from Mill Stream!

Winter brings a change of pace to our lives at camp...no, it doesn't mean we hibernate until the warm weather arrives, even though some days when it's -20°C you'd like to, but it does provide a time for reflection, planning, preparation, service and improvement.

Reflection—"He has made everything beautiful in it's time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end." Eccl.3:11 Without reflection we cannot understand what God has accomplished in us or through us, nor where we need to change, both personally and in ministry. We have spent much time in reflection looking at what went well, what God accomplished this past year and in prayer for insight as to what God's plans are for this year before moving into the planning stage.

Planning—"In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:6 Without planning it is hard to know what direction you want to go, what goals you are trying to accomplish, what good purpose God has for you? Many hours of planning has been completed for both summer camp, ministry expansion and physical improvements.

Preparation—"Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to do whatever is good." Titus 3:1 Have you ever been involved with an activity or event that was not properly prepared, even though it was well planned? How did you feel? How did you react? For some of us it is easy to bounce back, adjust to the quick changes,

even be creative in an instant, for others it can cause panic. Preparation requires us to put our plans into action. Spiritual, mental and physical preparation is a must and it is continuous.

Service—"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." James 2:17 When summer camps end, retreat season begins. Being of service to others is not just a summer thing, or a Sunday thing, or a Tuesday or Friday night thing, it is daily year-round thing. God commands each of us to be willing to serve Him by serving others...always. We are very thankful for the volunteers that continue to work at the camp though the winter repairing buildings and assisting us in many areas of the camp.

Improvement—as we continue in this journey we are excited as each day God continues to amaze us with His love, protection and grace. When we depend on Him during our time of reflection, planning, preparation and service to know Him better, only then can He cause spiritual growth and improvement in our lives. Improvement comes in other forms as well, including the programs we offer and facilities we utilize.

We encourage you to read on as how God is using this ministry to affect others, this coming summer as well as our praises for what God has accomplished and our needs for this year.

LarryBoy & Aunt Sid

Mill Stream Buzz...



Camperzzz Corner

Hey Camperzzz!

Are you enjoying winter? Are you enjoying school? Believe it or not spring will come quickly, followed even faster by summer, and you know what that means... CAMP!



I hope you still remember all the fun we had last summer? Are you looking forward to seeing your old friends and ready to make some new ones? Are you looking forward to another week of fun, sun and a spiritual challenge?

This year we have three weeks of Trekkin' Camp, one week of Trailblazin' Camp and a new camp called Explorin' Camp, which is a "skills oriented" camp focussing on archery, swimming and canoeing skill development.

Register early for camp to get your discounted price and to be sure of a space. Also new this year for early registration is a \$10 Tuck Voucher that can be redeemed at the Tuck Shop during your week's stay. Don't forget to tell your friends about the fun you had at Mill Stream and invite them to come with you this year. You'll receive a great discount for each of your friends that you bring.

Many pictures from the summer are now posted on our web site. We invite you to scan through and enjoy remembering all the activities you did at Mill Stream. You can go directly to the pictures by going to www.millstream/pictures.html and click on 2005.

We have introduced a leadership training program called LTP Camp. This is a one week program which will expose teens to the "other side" of camp and an opportunity to see how camp ministry operates and a chance to see if you would enjoy being involved. This

opportunity is available for teens aged 14 to 19.

Finally, write us and let us know how you are doing! We love to get mail!



Hi! This is Aunt Mil from the Mail Box Club.

It is hard to believe that 2005 Millstream Bible Camp went so quickly. We did have a lot of fun, met new friends and had some great bible stories.

Thirty-nine children made decisions for the Lord. Letters have gone out to all these children encouraging them to join the Mail Box club. As of the 27th of September, 17 children have joined the mail Box Club.

Celina Lobbezoo of Uxbridge On. has already completed Story Time 1 and is working on Explorer 1 lessons. Emily Chandler of Little Britain has completed Story Time 1.

One little seven year old girl wanted to join the club but needed help with the reading of the story, so grandma is helping and has also asked for two more lessons for two of her other grandchildren.

Please keep these children in your prays. *Aunt Mil*



Campers: Here is your chance to get published in this newsletter!

Write a short story of your experiences at camp and, if published, you can receive a FREE Mill Stream embroidered hat.

Just send your letter via email or postal mail to the camp.

We hope to hear from you soon!



Staff Scoopzzz

Ok guys, here's the scoop!

2006 Applications are now ready:

New applications are now ready for you to apply for this coming summer. There have been a few changes in the application process and forms so please read the information carefully. We are looking forward to another fantastic summer.

Scoop 2: Our winter student staff retreat was held just before New Years. It was a great event with over twenty staff from the previous summer attending Lots of fun was had by all as we shared pictures, video, stories and played the winter version of Princess, Knight, Rider. It was encouraging to hear what God is doing in the lives of our staff since they have left camp.



Scoop 3: On Thanksgiving weekend we had a get-together at the camp for T-Dee prior to her leaving for her 3-year adventure to South Africa. It was a great turn-out with several past summer staff members, friends and church families who joined in with T-Dee's family to celebrate her departure. Our first correspondence with T-Dee was that within three weeks of her arrival she started summer vacation.

Please pray for T-Dee as she adjusts to a new lifestyle and culture, and as she begins her studies in a new environment many miles away from her immediate family.

Scoop 4: Socks' Two Cents...

Every year LarryBoy asks me to write something for the newsletter; how was my life impacted by camp or by God this summer? After pondering about what I should write about it came to me. Friendships! You know those strange unusual relationships that only happen at camp, the bond that you have made between you and your closest camp friend that you are unable to explain to anyone because they just do not understand. It is these relationships that have developed that make the greatest impact. You see God put us all at Mill Stream Bible Camp for one reason or another. Some of us have the talent to sing, others can entertain, others plan, plan and plan, and then we just play the Amazing Race. But with that all being said and done, we are all there for a reason. To SERVE our Heavenly Father to our greatest ability. Then I found this summer, more than any other, we were blessed with friendships. Like the song says "The blessings will come down when the prayers go up..."

How many times in a day did you stop and pray, because we were surely blessed. You see, I look at it this way. I found a friend at camp, someone whom I would have never thought in a million years would be my friend. But the more you pray and rely on God it becomes clear why the friendships that are forged at camp happen. God puts people in your life for a purpose. I was at Mill Stream this summer to SERVE a purpose for God. My job description says I am the Program Coordinator. There is so much more to that than the title says. It is not an easy one, yeah, it may look like all I do is sit around planning games and activities for campers, but it is the checking in on others, campers, staff, etc. that is also my service to God. God knew that I would only be able to do my job for Him this summer if I had friends to physically be there for me. With that all being said, LarryBoy, I believe the questions was *how did camp or God impact my life this summer?* He gave me friends to last a life time, and a true calling of service.

And that is my two cents...

Socks

Ok staff, you still have a chance!

Let us know what is happening in your life that may be of interest to all of us.

Email or write us now.



Tidbitzzz



More Projects, More Blessings

We were blessed to receive a donation of over \$1,100 from the Seniors Group at Fairview Baptist Church in Lindsay towards constructing a new canoe equipment shed. Along with other supporters, we have sufficient funds to complete this project.



Our old shed had served well for many years but had become un-repairable. This latest project is another

encouragement as we continue to partner with others in this ministry. This new shed will house all of our canoe supplies and will include a covered raised deck area suitable as an instructional area for classes, while providing a comfortable environment overlooking the river. Completion is expected in early spring.

Other projects that have been completed is the siding of the pool pump house with steel and the repair of the lodge girl's bathroom floor, including ceramic tile and new toilets. These costs have been paid by our volunteers.

Canadian Candidate School

For the first time ever, BCM held a Candidate School in Canada. We were privileged to have the school conducted at



Mill Stream. Seven candidates from Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia attended along with several BCM missionaries and our (now past) International President, Dr. Bob Evans. Our new Canadian Director, Bill Ricketts coordinated and conducted the training sessions with other BCM trainers. Please remember Bill and our new candidates in prayer as they enter new phases of their lives.

Capital Debt Reduction Needs

Thank you to so many who have continued to support this ministry through your prayers and financial contributions. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us reduce the debt. Here are the balances owing on these necessary capital projects:

- Chapelorium/Dining Room/Patio/Kitchen—\$60,000
- Parking Lots/Septic Bed—\$24,000
- Water Plant—\$40,000

God is using this facility mightily and has wonderful plans for it's use for His glory. We are praying that through God's people, the debt incurred from these projects can be reduced quickly in order for us to continue expanding this ministry. We are excited that you are a part of this wonderful opportunity to reach children, teens and adults with the Good News. Please continue to partner with us to help fill this need.

Oshawa Area Clubs and Prayer Team

Marilynn Manuel of Oshawa conducts a weekly after school Bible club in her home. Pray for this club and pray especially for the leaders and children that are attending.

Marilynn also hosts a monthly prayer time, lifting the needs and praises of the ministry to God. More prayer partners are always welcome. It is a wonderful time of sharing, praise and prayer. The Prayer Team meets at 163 Gibbons Street in Oshawa on the 2nd Tuesday each month. Please contact us if you are interested in attending.

Also, please contact us if you are interested in receiving information concerning teaching or hosting a Bible Club, or if you would like to start a local Prayer Team, providing intercessory prayer on behalf of this ministry.



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