



Mill Stream Buzz...

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Happy New Year!
2013 is here and we are
getting ready for you!



Welcome to our
NEW
BCM Canada
Executive
Director

2012 was an exciting year with some change, some challenges, but many blessings. As summer approached we waited with anticipation to see our pool refurbished, then with summer upon us we experienced much fun with the introduction of our new Explorin' Camp week.

Once again God provided us with great staff who love working with children and teens as we were privileged to witness 37 more campers enter into a relationship with God through our Saviour's sacrifice.

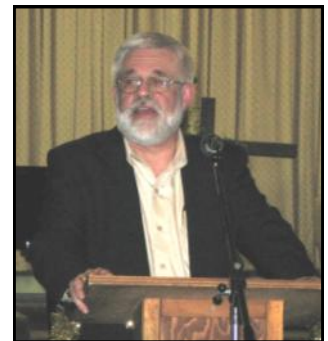
This winter will bring some new projects being completed along with many retreats and summer planning already underway.

We trust as you read through this issue you would commit praise and prayer items to our Lord as we see him continue to use this camp and ministry to Glorify His Name.



It is with great PRAISE TO GOD that we make the announcement that the position of Executive Director of BCM International (Canada) Inc. has been filled. Philip G. Whitehead (Phil) has been accepted into BCM and comes with a wealth of experience in both business and ministry. Phil's most recent ministry was Director of CrossLink Ministries Canada and implemented a new program called "KidLead". Previously Phil was Director of Awana Clubs Canada for 27 years.

We are excited for Phil as we know God will use Him to lead BCM into the future.



Phil Whitehead



Message from the Director

A new year, a new excitement!

As we take a moment to reflect on the past year I am always amazed at how much we quickly forget and put away in a back folder in our brain's filing system. God is very much involved in our lives even when we sometimes don't recognize it. We remember the anxiety of having the pool completed just days before beginning of camp....we remember the concern of having the pool paid for before camp started and how God used many of you to accomplish this...we remember

the joy of seeing campers accept Christ as their Lord and experience true love...we remember the pain of loss...most importantly we remember and continue to recognize how God walks with us through every day and situation in our lives. Our God asks us to become more dependant upon him, not to worry, and let him lead. John 3:30 says "He must become greater, I must become less" (NIV)...this should be our goal. God's plans are huge! If God's plans relied on human limitations, He'd never get anything done. Let's have God run ahead of us this year and see how He will continue to provide all of our needs...all of your needs, and then we will give Him the praise and rejoice in what He accomplishes.

Larry Chupa
Director/Administrator

Summer Fun 2013!

Get ready for another action and fun packed summer coming very soon.



We will be offering all of the camps we offered last year including our newest and very successful Explorin' Camp. Register early to receive one of our many discounts. New this year is a *Multiple Weeks* discount. Parents: You will notice a change in our registration page where the HST taxes are no

longer included in the fee but must be added on after your encampment calculations are totalled.



Our new brochure is booklet style and includes much of the camp information you require. If you wish a copy or additional copies please do not hesitate to contact the camp office.

Fall Staff Retreat

Last October on Thanksgiving weekend our summer staff came together for our annual staff retreat. We had a record number of staff attend and completed some work but mostly played a lot.

Cindy and her team prepared a wonderful turkey dinner on Saturday evening followed by an enjoyable time at the campfire.

2013 Summer Camp Staff

We are now accepting applications for our 2013 summer camp staff.



Applications can be downloaded from our web site at www.millstream.ws/opportunities.html. For returning staff: Please note the changes under *Camp Program Interest and Skills*.

Leadership Training Camp

This will be our 8th year we have offered our LTP Camp training program. This program has been very successful in preparing young teens to become servant leaders.



LTP Class of 2013

Apply early as there are limited spots available and these have filled up quickly in the past two years.

Go to www.millstream.ws/training.html for more details and to download a registration form.

Completed Projects

New Program Office

This fall our volunteers dismantled and cleaned out the old summer kitchen which has not been in use since 2003. This large empty space was divided into



two spaces. One large space was converted into a new, very large, program resource office. This new space is at least 6 times larger than the old office which

will allow space for our program materials and supplies to grow for many years.



There is shelf space for over 70 large Rubbermaid storage bins.

New Scrapbooking Classroom

The second space that was created from the old summer kitchen is a new permanent scrapbooking classroom.



This elective now has it's own home to organize all the materials, tools and supplies. New shelving and storage bins will allow campers' projects to be stored without worry of their items being mixed up.

Power Line Tree Clearing

This fall we made contact with Hydro One to have the trees around the power lines trimmed. These are Hydro One's lines so there was no cost to us.



This had not been done for over 30 years and in the past few years we have experienced several power outages from fallen branches and trees.



Hydro One sent in 30 arborists and in one day cleared all the brush and trees away from their power lines. While this will prevent future outages it has also changed the appearance of the property.



What's coming up?

BCM Canada National Conference

This year we will once again be hosting the BCM International Canadian Conference at Mill Stream from May 13 -17. Canadian missionaries will be joining us from their ministries across Canada and abroad.

Come and meet our new Canadian Executive Director Phil Whitehead and re-unite with others. More info is to follow or check out our web site at www.millstream.ws/news.html.



Annual Fall Open House & Banquet

This fall we will be holding our Annual Open House & Banquet at the camp. This year it will be on Saturday, September 28th at 12 noon.



With the pool now completed and paid for, this year we will continue to fundraise for the much needed replacement of our 48 year old summer cabins. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Phil Whitehead, BCM Canada Executive Director.

Staff Spring Cleanup Weekend

All past staff and future hopefuls, mark April 26 to 28 on your calendars. Join us for this rewarding time of fellowship, fun and some hard work.



Mailbox Bible Club...



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!

New Web Site!

Our web site was rebuilt and re-launched on January 1st.



Take time to surf our site as it provides the usual information such as:

- Camper Registrations
- Staff Applications
- Encampment Dates

We have added new features such as:

- Camper Health Forms
- Camper Clothing Lists
- Retreat Availability Calendar

Summer 2012 pictures are also now on-line.

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 Gibb Street in Oshawa.

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