



The Mill Stream Messenger

MILL STREAM
Winter 2023
Edition



2023 is here and moving fast. Much has been happening over the winter and we are excited about what the new year will bring us.



As we continue to rebound from the effects of the Covid pandemic and shutdowns, we are seeing a large increase in the interest of retreats and camping ministry.

We are having one of the busiest retreat seasons on record with having already served over 12 groups with a total of over 570 guests. We have several months already booked ahead .

Our summer plans are coming together as camper registrations have begun and staff applications are coming in.



We have so much to praise God for. We hope you will read on to discover what God is doing at Mill Stream.



From the Director

Jesus replied, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.” Luke 18:27

There are so many days that we have seen God’s truth in action at the camp, we can’t count them!

This year our Bible theme is “Knowing Jesus- Making Him Known” which is based on the life of Jesus. There are so many children who have no concept or understanding who Jesus is and we feel so privileged to be able to teach them in such a beautiful and loving environment that God has provided us with.

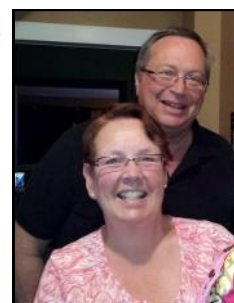
As we look towards this year we know that there will always be many challenges but God is so faithful in providing what we need to see His work continue at Mill Stream.

Please pray with us that God would continue to send the campers and supply us with the much needed staff to fill so many positions...He always has.

We are so excited and we hope you are too as we see what He will do this coming year!

Enjoy the updates.

*Larry Chupa aka LarryBoy
Cindy Chupa aka Aunt Sid*



Summer Camp

Summer Camp will be here before you know it!

Yes, we will be having all of our summer camp programs this year including our LTP (Leadership Training Program) Camp.

Our new on-line camper registration portal is available on our website at [millstream.camp/summer-camps](http://millstream.camp/) so you can sign up right NOW! Our new registration system will require you to set up an account and then only ever have to enter information once. We have also increased some of our discounts and don't forget to save by registering before May 1st!



See you this summer!

Summer Staff



Every summer Mill Stream hires individuals to fill positions ranging from running the program, lifeguarding, doing maintenance and housekeeping, cleaning the dining hall, working in the kitchen and leading campers in cabins. Our staff are considered as short term missionaries, serving the Lord in these important roles making a difference in children's lives! How would you like to serve this summer?

Online staff applications are available on our website portal at millstream.camp/training

Full-time Program Director

BCM International (Canada) is looking for a qualified individual to fill the role of Camp Program Director for Mill Stream Bible Camp & Retreat Centre located near Omeme, Ontario.

The Program Director is responsible for the oversight, coordination and development of all program aspects of the Mill Stream camp ministry. The Program Director will continually evaluate the various program operations, procedures, strengths and weaknesses of the camp ministry with the view of making recommendations and implementing the necessary changes. The successful candidate must complete the BCM International missionary candidate orientation and be approved as a BCM missionary.

BCM Canada is a faith based registered charity under the laws of Canada and the candidate will be required to raise his/her financial support.

If you have ever considered working in full-time a Christian camping ministry, here is your opportunity to work and grow in a well established Christian camping environment. If you, or somebody you may know, is interested in learning more, please contact Phil Whitehead at director@bcmintl.ca for additional information.



LTP Camp

Our Leader Ship Training Program (LTP Camp) is returning this year!

Stretch yourself this summer and apply for LTP Week!

Experience new challenges through hands-on leadership training, discover your God-given personal gifts and skills, encounter new opportunities to trust God and enjoy meeting new friends while having fun times of learning and leading.

This camp is held one week each summer. This week combines unique challenges in leadership training with practical camp experience.

You must apply for this program, which is limited to 10 participants for the week.

LTP teaches the principles of Godly servant-leadership to prepare you for future leadership and service opportunities in your church, school and community. You will gain real, practical experience by working directly with campers and helping in numerous aspects of the camp's operations.

If you are 14 or 15 years old and have completed grade 8, come join us this summer.

The application is available on our web site at millstream.camp/training.



Graduated to Heaven



Our dear friend, prayer partner, supporter and volunteer Leonard Manning, graduated to heaven on December 11, 2022 after serving his Lord on earth for 100 years.

Leonard and his wife Jean have been supporters of the BCM International (Canada) ministry (formerly the Bible Club Movement of Canada) and have been very involved in partnering with Mill Stream Bible Camp & Retreat Centre (formerly Crusaders Bible Camp) for many decades.

Len and Jean were leaders at the very first camp held in in 1946 and have been prayer partners with the camping ministry since it's inception. Their involvement with Mill Stream is well documented as they volunteered at the summer camps, held after school Bible clubs and attended the annual banquet until 2019.

Len and Jean had celebrated their 81st wedding anniversary this past year. Jean is residing at Wynfield Retirement Residence in Oshawa.

Len will always be remembered as a very Godly, friendly and caring man who was such a great example to all of us.

Well done, good and faithful servant!



First Camp—1946

Prayer Partners



The most important way that we can use your support is through prayer.

If you are interested in joining our prayer group that meets monthly in Oshawa, contact Larry at 705-799-6521.

Projects, etc.

Cabins Update

Winter is always a more difficult season to work on cabins but our fabulous volunteers have been pushing ahead. Boys Cabin 5 has new windows, doors, electrical and insulation. The interior pine siding is being installed and is almost completed. We are well on our way of completing our cabin project of 10 cabins in 10 years!



We are always looking for individuals who would be willing to become involved and serve with an amazing group of volunteer men and women. Contact Larry at office@millstream.camp if you are interested or would like more information.

Retreat Rentals

Our winter and spring retreat rental spaces are almost full but we have started to book our Fall season already. We offer accommodations for 20 to 110 people with all meals included leaving you free to focus on your program. More information is available online at millstream.camp/retreat-centre. Contact us at Info@millstream.camp if you are interested.



Camp Needs...

We praise God and give thanks to those who have responded over the past year in such a giving manner towards the camp needs. There have been so many items we needed this past year that we have been able to replace. Thank you to each one of you who have given to provide us with what we needed.

We would like to provide you with an opportunity to support additional specific projects. The project's that we currently have a need for are listed below:

- ⇒ Cabin 5 Costs — with Cabin 4 paid for (Praise God!) we still have a financial need for materials to complete the final cabin — need: \$5,600
- ⇒ Golf Cart Replacement—our golf cart had to be retired at the end of last summer after serving us well for many years. This essential piece of camp equipment gets a huge amount of use in the every day operation of the camp.

We are looking for someone who either has a used golf cart which they would like to donate to the camp or if they have one that we could purchase at a low cost. Our other option is to purchase either a well maintained used golf cart or Gator type vehicle — the need: donated golf cart or \$5,000



Please consider how you may be able to help out with these needs.

The Mill Stream Messenger is a camp newsletter for campers, parents, staff, alumni and supporters of Mill Stream Bible Camp. For information on booking a rental, registration for summer camps, and anything else you may need, visit our website at:

www.millstream.camp

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