

The Mill Stream Messenger



Here comes 2024...are you ready for it?

**Time does not stand still nor does it slow down and neither do we.
God has so many plans for us, we just need to hang on!**

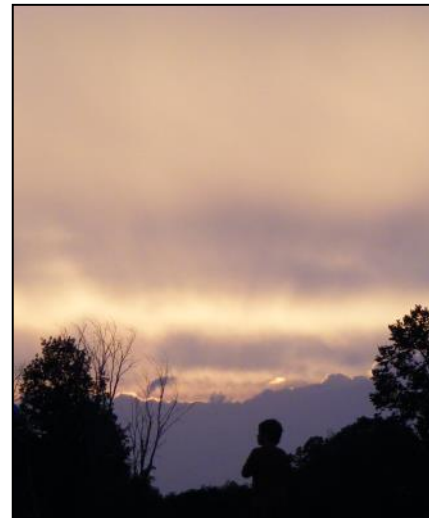


Fall came, winter came, spring came, winter came again, and then again and now it feels like spring in February.

With such a strange and busy few months behind us and with so many weather changes, we are so assured that one thing never changes...God, who is always on His throne and in charge.

He knows our needs and has great plans for each of us if we are willing to follow.

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



I can do everything through him (Jesus) who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

Fall was a very busy time with retreats, our annual banquet, building projects and planning for next summer's camps...so busy we quickly slipped into 2024 without hardly noticing it.

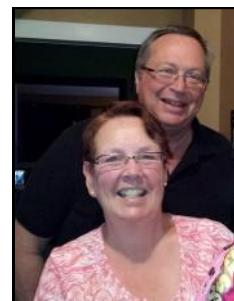
With the arrival of winter it has been a very busy time hosting retreats, working with our incredibly dedicated volunteers and praising God for you, our prayer partners, donors, supporters and Mill Stream family.

As you read through the newsletter and updates you will notice one common thread...God is at work using Mill Stream and He is not slowing down and Jesus gives us the strength for each day.

We are so excited as He keeps this ministry moving forward and we hope you are too as we experience what He will do this coming year!

Enjoy all the updates.

*Larry Chupa aka LarryBoy
Cindy Chupa aka Aunt Sid*



Summer Camp

Register NOW to receive
great Earlybird Discounts!
Earlybird registration ends
May 1st!

**Summer
Camp
2024
is coming
soon!**

All of our regular summer camp programs are returning once again this year. All of our camps are coed and we have camps for ages 5-15 years old.

Check our website at millstream.camp/summer-camps to see which week is best suited for your child.

Our new on-line camper registration portal is available on our website at millstream.uplifterinc.com so you can sign up right NOW!

If you are a returning camper your signup will be simple since you already have an account in the system. For our new campers our registration system will require you to set up an account and then you only ever have to enter your information once.

There are several discounts available so sign up now and save by registering before May 1st!

See you this summer!



Summer Staff

Every summer Mill Stream hires individuals to fill positions ranging from lifeguarding, maintenance and housekeeping, dining hall, kitchen and leading campers in cabins. Our staff are considered to be short term missionaries, serving the Lord in these important roles by making a difference in children's lives!

How would you like to serve this summer?

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



We would love to serve with you this summer!

LTP Camp

Our Leadership 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.

LTP Camp will be held this year from August 4-10.

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



Retreat Rentals

Our winter and spring retreat rental spaces are full and we have started to book our Fall season already which is filling fast.

We have beautifully upgraded facilities and offer accommodations for 20 to 110 guests with all meals included leaving you free to focus on your program.

Information is available online at millstream.camp/retreat-centre.

Contact us at Info@millstream.camp if you are interested.



Annual Fall Open House & Banquet

This past September Mill Stream celebrated it's 77th year of ministry.

We had a great turn-out for our Open House and Luncheon with past and current staff, campers and supporters. Many of our alumni returned to see and hear what God has been doing with and through this ministry.

You, God's people, our faithful supporters, gave generously as we received over \$25,000 in donations towards this ministry...We Praise God!

Mark you calendars early as this year's Open House & Luncheon will be held on Saturday, September 14th and you won't want to miss it!



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 and more...

Cabins Update

We're DONE!!!

We finished Boys Cabin 5 this past fall. Our cabin project of 10 cabins in 10 years has been completed thanks to all the hard work of our volunteers and your prayers and financial support...now we just need to fill them!



New Pavillion

What do you do with an old cabin...recycle it of course. Once again our volunteers have found a way to give new life to an old building. Formerly known as Girls Cabin 6 (Willow Cabin), it has been transformed into a very useable open-air pavilion. It's almost completed and ready to use! Thanks to Bill's vision, leadership and hard work to convert this old building.



Patio Flooring

Thanks to our generous supporting partners, we were able to purchase and install new patio flooring from your donated funds we received at the Open House and Luncheon this past September. The floors in the patio were concrete and never had any finish on them before. The patio looks amazing and our guys did a great job installing them.



Exciting Donations

Thanks to one of our generous alumni staff and supporting partners Christmas came early in November. A gift of an almost new John Deere 1023E compact tractor was donated to us. This tractor is equipped with 4-wheel drive, a 60 inch mower deck, a rear PTO and front hydraulics. This tractor is capable of having implements such as a loader installed. Our donor also provided us with a new large table saw and a combo MIG, TIG, ARC welder and a set of acetylene torches and tanks. We thank our donors and we praise God for how He supplies the camp with wonderful equipment .



More Graduations to Heaven

Over this past fall and winter 2 more of our BCM prayer warriors have graduated to heaven. Both were involved with BCM Bible Clubs for many years and who we met with for sharing and prayer on a monthly basis.

Beverly Rankil conducted Bible clubs for many years with her sister Marilynn Manuel at their home in Oshawa, Ontario. Their home was the location for the Bible clubs and our monthly prayer meetings for several decades. Beverly was promoted to heaven in October 2023.



Larry Gray and his wife Fern hosted Bible clubs in their home in Oshawa, Ontario for many years. Fern is currently residing at Hillsdale Manor in Oshawa. Larry was promoted to heaven in December 2023.

Both Beverly and Larry will be sorely missed but are now rejoicing with their Saviour!

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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