



## 2016—70th year of ministry!

Looking back on the past year compels us to remember God's faithfulness over the past 70 years. And we are entering a year of celebration of 150 years as a nation.



It is always amazing when we reflect on what God has provided to continue this ministry and to see His Glory revealed through His work being accomplished. We have come from the past using tents to our current beautiful facilities; to new buildings in 2017, but one thing always remains the same...

**Reaching Children** for Christ and **Serving the Church** as partners...it's all about relationships, not brick and mortar;

*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."* (Mark 13:31NIV)

We hope you will enjoy and be blessed by reading through this newsletter to see all of the activity at Mill Stream.

**Thank you** for your prayers. Please continue to pray with us that this ministry will continue to be effective.



**Thank you** to all of our BCM and Mill Stream friends and supporters who attended our 2016 Fall Luncheon Banquet & Open House which was held on Saturday, September 24th.

The music was led by our own summer staff our staff testimonies were very encouraging. Our Canadian National Director provided updates concerning our Canadian ministries and shared needs for the future.



**Thank you** to our generous supporters who responded to our cabin replacement fundraising goal by providing an additional \$38,000 in donations which will allow us to replace the last 2 cabins on the girls side of the camp.



## Message from the Director


Cindy & I trust that you enjoyed a blessed Christmas season with your family and friends.

We will be entering our 17th season directing Mill Stream and are looking forward with excitement and anticipation of the wonderful things God will accomplish this next year in this ministry.

We have been very blessed with the volunteers, staff, friends and family that surround, support and encourage us.

We look forward to the new year with excitement and to see what God will do as we follow him. Our prayer for each of you is that you have a healthy, prosperous, happy and blessed year!



 Larry Chupa Director/Administrator



## Updated Website & Email

Last year we launched a new updated website. As of February 1st the [www.millstream.ws](http://www.millstream.ws) website and email addresses will be discontinued. All website inquiries and emails should be directed to [www.millstream.camp](http://www.millstream.camp) [office@millstream.camp](mailto:office@millstream.camp).



Please make the changes in your contact file and bookmarks to keep in touch.

## Our Summer Camps

Our campers had a very fun and exciting summer as we enjoyed our "Superheroes" theme.

The 2017 Camper Registration forms are available right now on our website at [www.millstream.camp](http://www.millstream.camp) and click on "Summer Camps".



You will again have the option of completing registrations ONLINE! You will receive an immediate confirmation once your registration is completed and paid for online. Registration forms are still available to be downloaded and printed.



Check out our new Loyalty Discount for returning campers who attended in 2016!

## Fall Staff Retreat

This past Thanksgiving weekend we had a great staff retreat.

Thanks to our staff who completed a huge amount of work with such joyful hearts.

As an added bonus we were able to visit our neighbouring farm across the road where the staff had a chance to meet "Barney" the donkey, who serenades us at each dusk during the summer.



This will be our 12th year for our LTP Camp training program.

This program has been very successful in preparing young teens to become servant leaders. Many of our graduates from our LTP Camp have become staff members at Mill Stream. Apply early as there are limited spots available and this program is only offered for one week.

Go to [www.millstream.camp/training](http://www.millstream.camp/training) for more details and to download a registration form.



## Summer Camp Photos

2016 summer camp photos are now available on our web site at [www.MillStream.camp/campinfo.html](http://www.MillStream.camp/campinfo.html). Look under the photo archives section where we have photos going back to 2000.



You may find yourself!



# What's happening?

## 2017 Summer Camp Dates



### Beginnin' Camp

(Boys & Girls ages 5-7)  
One session only! July 23-25

### Jr. Trekkin' Camp

(Boys & Girls ages 8-10)  
July 9-15, July 16-22, August 6-12

### Sr. Trekkin' Camp

(Boys & Girls ages 11-13)  
July 9-15, July 16-22, August 6-12

### Day Campin'

(Boys & Girls ages 8-10)  
(Guys 'n' Gals ages 11-13)  
July 9-15, July 16-22, August 6-12



### Trailblazin' Camp

(Co-ed Young Teens ages 13-15)  
One week only! August 13-19

## 2017 Summer Camp Rental Dates

This year we will be offering 2 weeks at the end of the summer for rental group ministries.



If you are aware of a church group that is looking for a facility to hold their church camp please have them contact Larry at 877-979-9990 or by email at [office@millstream.camp](mailto:office@millstream.camp).

The dates available are August 20th to September 2nd. Since this is prime time, we are booking week-long sessions first with a minimum of 50 guests.

## BCM World Magazine

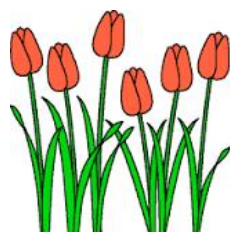
The new issue of BCM World features ministries in Canada.

Mill Stream's pictures are on the cover page and a printed article is available on page 5. There are also several pages explaining the ministries across Canada. The online version is available at: [www.bcmintl.org/bcm-world-magazine/](http://www.bcmintl.org/bcm-world-magazine/)



## Spring Cleanup Retreat

Our cleanup weekend will be held this year on April 28th -30th weekend.



All past staff and future hopefuls are welcome to attend. This is always a rewarding time of fellowship, fun and hard work getting the summer camp open and ready for Spring retreats and events.

We hope you can join us!

## Summer Staff

We are now accepting applications for our 2017 summer camp staff.

Applications can be downloaded from our web site located at [www.millstream.camp/opportunities](http://www.millstream.camp/opportunities).



## Looking Ahead...

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our Fall Open House and Luncheon Banquet to be held on Saturday, September 23rd at 12 noon at the camp.



We look forward to seeing you there!



## Projects

### New Cabins



The 3 new cabins are now being utilized for our fall, winter and spring rental season which allows us to have a capacity of up to 95 persons. If you are interested in utilizing Mill Stream for your retreat go to [www.millstream.camp/retreat1](http://www.millstream.camp/retreat1) for details.



The first step in this procedure is to remove the existing old cabins.



Now that we have received the needed funding we are going to replace the final 2 cabins on the girls side this year.



Several of our summer staff volunteered to start this process in December. With the cabins on the ground, our staff began to retrieve as

much of the materials to be recycled and used in other projects.

## Thank you!

**THANK YOU** goes out to all of our volunteers who rebuild and repair all of our facilities. These men and women make it possible for Mill Stream to offer wonderful accommodations and programs. We are always in need of volunteers. If you would like to spend a day to a few days each month volunteering at camp, please feel free to contact Larry at 705-799-6521 to find out how we can use your gifting.

### New Riverview Lounge

The conversion process of the lower level of the office is continuing this winter with the addition of hot and cold running water and a sewer line.



The trench was completed this past Fall and renovations are moving along quickly. We also replaced the underground phone lines and placed new network cables to improve the speed of internet connections. We are looking forward to having this meeting room ready for Spring.



## Prayer Partners

Prayer is the most important way for you to support this ministry.

Please contact us at the camp 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.

Please pray for:

- Busy and safe winter and spring rental season
- Dedicated, Godly summer staff
- Full camper beds
- Volunteers to build the new cabins
- Timely completion of the cabins and office

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