



# Mill Stream The Mill Stream Messenger

## From the Editor



Happy New Year! Welcome to the winter edition of the Mill Stream Messenger. Thank you for picking up our winter newsletter to see all that is happening at Mill Stream. Let me tell you, there is a lot going on! God is bringing us through a time of transition and of change, which is fitting as we celebrate a new year.



This time of the year is always a time of reflection for me. Winter has a certain kind of quiet beauty about it, especially when the snow is falling and all is still and quiet. I wish everyone could have the chance to be at camp for a moment like this in the winter, as God often uses these quiet, still moments to speak to us and to show us the beauty of his creation. This past year has brought so much to Mill Stream: lots of new friends in the form of staff, campers, and supporters, new retreat groups, projects being completed and started, and so much more.

God has blessed us beyond what we could have imagined and I'm sure he has much in store for this year. We would love for you to be apart of it!

***Isaiah 48:6: "You have heard; now see all this; and will you not declare it? From this time forth I announce to you new things, hidden things that you have not known"***

We wait with great anticipation for all that God has in store for Mill Stream in 2019!

*Elizabeth Lloyd aka Jymmi*

## From the Missionaries

Another year has passed and a new one has begun. While we reflect and rejoice in what God has accomplished through the camp ministry this past year we are looking forward to His goodness and faithfulness for the coming year.

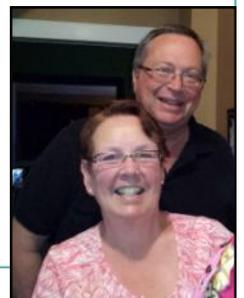
With a new year also comes change as we transition into our new roles at Mill Stream. No, we are not retiring, rather we have stepped to the side to allow God to bring in new senior leadership for the roles of Director and Food Services this year. We will remain to train the new leadership as we transition into our new roles.

Larry has become Facilities and Project Manager ensuring that the buildings and property are maintained while continuing with Cabin Rebuild Project, and Cindy has become an Administrative Assistant with the responsibilities of registrar and tuck shop along with many other office duties.

Please pray with us that God will provide the people of his choosing as BCM searches for the right candidates.

May you have a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

*Larry Chupa aka LarryBoy*



# What I Learned From A Child...

## Understanding how God sees us through the eyes of a camp staff

*The following is written by one of our camp staff. He wrote this as a devotional for our summer staff on how God's love for us can be illustrated perfectly by how we are with our campers. This was written about Squidly's experiences with his campers this past summer.*

Who knew that some of the most deep spiritual lessons can come from a child. This is a compilation of stories and lessons I've learned from my campers within the course of a week. In other words, this is what I've learned from a child.

Something I learned from a camper is that he's the lost sheep when Jesus leaves the 99. Have you ever wondered why that sheep left in the first place? Seeing a camper leave and wander away made me think of Jesus chasing the lost sheep. Just as I would entrust the rest of my cabin to Spud when a camper would walk away, so God entrusts his angels to look after the church when he chases me because I walked away. I never got angry at that camper when he walked away, God just gave me the patience to keep chasing him. Dealing with this camper gave me an entirely new perspective. I also learned that often this camper would never be able to focus on the path in front of him, so I would hold his hand to guide him and make sure he wouldn't wander off. I really learned that God leads me by the hand when I can't focus on the path in front of me.



I had to get really close to this camper to get his attention because he had trouble hearing my voice. I also learned that sometimes I have trouble hearing God's voice so he has to fill my vision and come close to me to get my attention. God never gets angry with me for having a hard time focusing, He understands. I felt like I was the only person that understood this camper because no one else in the cabin liked him and didn't bother to try to understand his perspective it showed me that even if no one else understands me, God does.

Knowing that this camper was trying to be obedient and know how hard it was for him to physically be still and be obedient helped me to be patient because I understood how hard it was for him. God understands me and is patient with me because he knows exactly what I've gone through in my life. I learned that God is so happy when we try, because I was so proud of even the smallest effort that this camper made. I could see he wanted to be obedient. I would lead this camper to a quiet place and sit him down in front of me and tell him how proud I was of him and I wanted to make sure he knew that his efforts made me so happy.

When I was up in front of everyone during campfire this camper would run to me wanting to hold my hand even if I was in the middle of a song. It made me think, how much do I run to God just to be with him? The only purpose being to spend time with him? Hearing this camper pray made my heart melt because he didn't know how to pray with fancy words or in a way that would please people. He just spoke what was on his heart and he was completely genuine because he didn't know how not to be genuine. This showed me that God doesn't care for fancy words because God's heart melts when he sees that his children desire to be obedient.

When I was lifeguarding, I kept one eye on everyone in the pool and another eye on this camper because I knew that this camper needed to be looked after a little more than others. There came a time where I thought this camper was drowning and with everything I had, I leapt out of my chair and just as I was running on the deck I realised that he was just splashing some of the staff in the deep end. God showed me that he keeps one eye on the world and one eye on his children and that God is always ready to jump in after us because he's constantly watching us and knows when we need help.

I learned that the way I disciplined this camper is exactly how God disciplines me. In a way to see me succeed in life and not out of anger but out of love.

I learned so much within 7 days but what amazes me the most is how much I loved this camper despite his disobedience. I really wanted this camper to be at Mill Stream and I was willing to lose sleep, I was willing to chase him, I would continuously get his attention over and over again, I was willing to lead him by the hand, I was willing to teach him the lessons he needed... but most of all I was willing to pay the price at my own expense for him to be here.

How I dealt with this camper was surely something I couldn't have done myself and I don't believe in the slightest that I could ever deal with such a child on my own strength. Ever present in that chaotic cabin was the overwhelming, never ending love of God. And as God said before, so he says again to us today:



**"Never will I leave you nor will I forsake you"**  
Joshua 1:5

*Squidly*

# Projects Update!

During the fall months our incredible volunteers completed the hydro service replacement for the office. A new underground service was buried in and a new service panel was installed on the inside of the office. This project has needed to be done for some time and we are grateful it is complete. Thanks guys, it looks great!



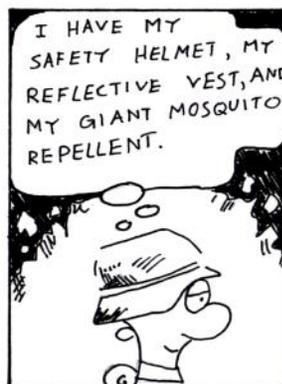
After that, it was time to get started on the rebuild of the boys cabins. The first step was to raise and level cabin three. Soon the volunteers will be tackling new windows and a new door. Thanks to all of our ministry partners for making this possible, without your support this project would not have begun.



You can follow the progress of the cabins us on Instagram by following [@millstreambiblecamp](#) or on Facebook.

# SAVE THE DATE!

For the first time ever, Mill Stream will be hosting a Summer Open House and Fundraiser! This event is designed to showcase all of the great things that Mill Stream has to offer, as well as raising funds for our summer camp, our facilities, our projects, and as a way to give back to the kids, their parents, and their families. This event will take place on **Saturday, June 1st, 2019** and has something to offer for all ages. For more details, stay tuned on our social media as we will post more details there as they become available. Hope to see you there!



Check us out on Social Media:



[@MillstreamBibleCamp](#)

[www.millstream.camp](http://www.millstream.camp)



# Whats coming up?

## It's That Time Of Year Again!

It is hard to believe, but yes: registrations are open for the 2019 camp season! Are your children or grandchildren between the ages of 5-15? We have camping activities that suit the needs of all children and inspire them to grow closer to God. Check out this years camp dates:

- July 7– July 13: Trekkin Camp ages 8-13
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- July 21– July 23: Beginnin Camp, ages 5-7
- July 27– August 3: Handi\*Camp (see the BCM website for more details about this camping opportunity for children and youth with exceptionalities)
- Aug 4– Aug 10: Trekkin Camp ages 8-13
- Aug 11– Aug 17: Teen Camp ages 13-15



Remember that from now until **May 1st** we run a special early bird rate for all registrations. Don't miss out on those early bird savings. We are excited to see your camper this summer!

## Positions Available at Mill Stream

As Larry mentioned on page one, Mill Stream is looking to bring a new Director and a new Food Service Co-ordinator to camp. Larry and Cindy have served at Mill Stream for the better part of twenty years and have felt God call them to move into new roles at camp.



This means that we as a camp are looking for people to fill these positions. Details about each job can be found on the Mill Stream website under the Opportunities tab, on the BCM website under "Ministry Opportunities", or on the Christian Camping International Canada website by navigating to the "Job Postings" page. If you would be a good fit for either of these positions, prayerfully consider applying!

## Do You Want to See Mill Stream at Your Church?

Our promotions team is so very excited to be booking dates to come into churches and spread the word about summer camp at Mill Stream. You may know that our vision statement is "Reaching Children, Serving the Church", and we would love to fulfill the second part of that statement by coming to meet you! If your congregation would benefit from having us there, whether that would be running your kids church or getting to know your attendee's, we would love to come and get to know you better. For more information, contact our promotions coordinator by emailing [lizzy@millstream.camp](mailto:lizzy@millstream.camp).



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