

# Crusaders Bible Camp



# Mill Stream Buzz...

FALL 2011

## Mill Stream 1946-2011



What a great celebration!

On June 4th more than 300 people showed up to celebrate 65 years of camping ministry and 75 years of BCM International.

While it rained heavily much of the morning it did create an opportunity for old friends to reconnect and new relationships to be deepened.

Many past campers and staff browsed through the various pictures and artefacts at the Timeline Tables and reunited with others from their decade.

When the rain finally stopped it allowed many guests to explore the camp and see what changes and improvements have been completed over the years. It also provided good weather for the children to utilize several of the activities available and attend an outdoor campfire hosted by our staff.



BCM Missionaries/Camp Directors serving at Mill Stream/Crusaders from 1975 to present

### Message from the Director



At Mill Stream we have completed one of our busiest springs and summers ever. This year God has incredibly blessed both this ministry and Cindy and I personally.

From the planning and setup of the anniversary to the completion of several major projects; from the revamping of our training programs to donations of equipment; none of this would be possible without the sacrifice of so many willing

volunteers and supporters. We wish to convey our thanks to each of you that have been involved with this ministry whether completing physical or leadership tasks, donating much needed equipment, supporting the camp financially or being a prayer partner who keeps this ministry before our Lord on a continuous basis. ***"My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19***

We encourage you to take time to read though the articles in this newsletter to see how God is working.

Until next time...

Larry Chupa  
Director/Administrator

# 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Day!

It was a wonderful sight to see so many staff and campers reunited to celebrate the many years of God's goodness in sustaining and growing the camp facilities and family.



All who attended soon realized that this was a very special day in spite of the morning downpour which caused everyone to mingle in the gym and dining hall and enjoy conversations with old friends.



In the afternoon we enjoyed a wonderful praise and worship time with updates about BCM and Mill Stream. Check out our web site at [www.MillStream.ws/65th](http://www.MillStream.ws/65th) for additional photos.



# Projects, projects, everywhere!

2011 has proven to be a year of completing many projects by a multitude of volunteers, some from as close as Lindsay to as far away as Pottstown Pennsylvania.



Interlocking brick side-walks, a cement patio, indoor rock climbing walls, a retaining wall, a rebuilt cabin, new roofs, tree removal and many more jobs were completed this past spring.

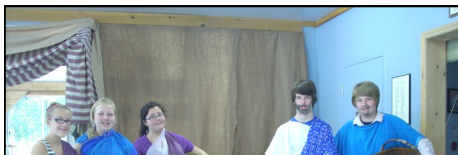
We praise God and thank the men and women who give so much of their time towards the repairing, upgrading and improving the facilities for this ministry now and into the future.



# What a great summer!

This summer was great...hot for July, green for August. Even with record breaking temperatures and record breaking downpours we had a fabulous summer. We experienced a decrease in campers but a great increase in excitement with new fun games, new challenging climbing walls, great activities and electives. God was at work in many camper's lives with decisions made to follow and Christ and several desiring to come under Christ's Lordship.

We are very excited to see how God may use many of this year's campers to be our future leaders at camp.



## What's coming up?

This fall we will not be holding our Annual Open House & Banquet since we held our huge 65th Anniversary & Reunion in June. We do not want to deter your financial support and donations so we ask that you forward your donation to the camp address as we are still in need of funds for our current projects and to help reduce a deficit in our operating budget this year.



We are finalizing the estimates to rebuild the pool as we plan to start the rebuild this fall. We are praying that the funds we

have received to date will cover all the costs and we will communicate to you as soon as possible what additional funds may be needed to complete this much needed project.

We are also continuing to fundraise for the much needed replacement of our 48 year old summer cabins. The preliminary design was introduced at the Anniversary celebration.



## About our editor...

Please pray for our editor Eadaoin O'Boyle as she is serving on a short term missions trip until December 2011 in the country of Jamaica. In her absence I have returned to produce the fall newsletter and am looking forward to Eadaoin's safe return before Christmas.

Larry

## Mailbox Bible Club...



Ruby has 17 new members signed up for Mail Box lessons. If you are a past member or wish to be enrolled in the Mailbox Bible Club, just contact Ruby and she will get you started. You can sign up at any time and the Mail Box lessons are available for free for any camper age child. If you are interested in signing up for the Mailbox Bible Club please write to:

RUBY

679 Blackwood Blvd. Oshawa, ON L1K 0G7

or email the camp and we'll put you in touch!

## Gone but always with us



It's hard to believe but it has already been 10 years since the passing of Rev. Cecil Nelson into Glory. Last year we completed the rebuilding of the Lodge that bears his family's name and this year we added a memorial corner prior to our anniversary day.

## Green Gift

One of the gifts we received this summer was an *almost new* zero-turn radius John Deere diesel grass cutter. We are extremely grateful for the many gifts and donations we receive which enables us to continually improve the operation and maintenance of the entire camp ministry.



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