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Newsletter

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RHI Work Vehicles **Now Number a Dozen**

Rebuilding Hope's inventory of work vehicles (pictured above) has grown over the years, from the first -- a forklift -- to a dozen pieces of equipment.

In its 11-year history, RHI has purchased only three pieces of equipment. All the rest --

trucks, trailers and skid steer loader -- were donated by individuals.

"A lot of these we wouldn't have had," says RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson. "We didn't have the money."

"I don't know how to put a value on it. It's a value to us, but just as much a value to the one donating in service to God. The blessing goes both ways, giving and receiving."

Today's truck fleet includes two box trucks, one of which is outfitted with a welder, a generator and an air compressor. A pickup, a dump truck and a flatbed round out the truck inventory.

All five of RHI's trailers were donated by churches and other ministries.

The most recent is the game trailer (left in lower photo). The trailer is outfitted with games, including nine-square, corn hole, badminton and horseshoes, as well as soccer balls and goals, volleyballs and nets and Frisbees.

RHI has outfitted two trailers with tools. The trailers are equipped with everything needed to construct a ramp, including nail guns, saws, compressors, drills and shovels.

A kitchen trailer and a dump trailer round out the trailer inventory.

All of the vehicles are available to ministries to borrow for their outreach programs. Call the RHI office for more information.

Former RHI Board Member Leading Ministry in Fairmont

Former RHI board member Todd Stout has taken a position as executive director of Children's Bible Ministries (CBM) at Camp Grace in Fairmont, N.C.

Todd, who was pastor at Carey Baptist Church for three years, served on the RHI board for about five years.



Todd

"I have enjoyed being a part of a ministry whose heartbeat is reaching people for Christ," Todd says.

In his new position, he will oversee 10 other missionaries in a three-fold ministry that includes release-time Bible classes, a discipling ministry and a camp.

For the Bible classes, public schools release students to attend the classes at nearby churches. When a church is not available, the ministry uses its mobile sanctuary. The classes are voluntary and are offered to the approximate 4,000 students in Robeson County's 28 elementary schools and two middle schools.

Students from the release-time classes and the summer camp may sign up for a mailbox club, the discipling ministry. Up to 10 Bible lessons a year are mailed to students. For each lesson completed, a student is credited with \$10 toward the camp fee.

CBM offers five weeks of overnight camp and one week of day camp for young children.

Todd says his position is as a missionary, and he must raise his own support.

He and wife Katherine, who is a former ACBM board member and a former RHI volunteer, have four adult children and a granddaughter.

CBM operates 13 camps across the Southeast. Find more information at cbmcampgrace.com.

Sandy Creek Youth Visit RHI



Youths from Sandy Creek Baptist Church, Louisburg (pictured above), took time out from their fifth annual Amazing Grace Race on April 6 to tour Rebuilding Hope. For their two-day event, teams race one another to complete service projects.

RHI – Here to Help

To request help to build a wheelchair ramp or to make home repairs, visit our office where a volunteer will take your application. RHI does not take applications over the phone or make monetary awards.

Depending on the type of work requested, RHI may require evidence of ownership of property. A landlord's permission for a wheelchair ramp is required.

While RHI provides services at no cost, donations from applicants are appreciated.



SOS Update: 149 Registered for 6th Annual Week of Service

As the deadline for registrations for the sixth annual SOS week passed, 149 participants had signed up.

Service to local communities June 23-30 will build on an already impressive record. Since the first SOS in 2013, participants have replaced 57 roofs; built 19 ramps, a deck and a porch; rebuilt a room; completed ceiling, paint and floor jobs; rebuilt a room; and installed siding on a home.



The 83 jobs have been opportunities for the youths “to witness and share Christ,” says

RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson.

“We don’t know how many people have come to Christ, but we’re required to plant seeds,” Randolph says. “They’ve planted a lot of seeds.”

The theme for the week this year is “Fixed.” The meaning of the theme will be explained by guest speakers at each of the evening worship services during the week.

The services and their emphases will be: Sunday, “Need Fixing,” based on Romans 3:9-18; Monday, “Can Be Fixed,” based on Romans 1:16; Tuesday, “All Eyes Fixed on Jesus,” a panel discussion; Thursday, “God’s Plan is Fixed,” based on Matthew 28; Friday, “God is Fixing a Place – Eternity,” based on John 14:1-11. On Wednesday, participants have free time.

The public is encouraged to attend the worship services at 7 p.m. at Central Baptist Church.

Encourage your youths to take part in this mission endeavor. If you know of any churches or youths you feel would be interested, call our office with contact information.

The cost is \$150 per participant. Youths must have completed sixth grade.

Keep in mind that for every five youths, we require one adult of the same sex.

Needs for SOS

Volunteers – Adult/college-age volunteers are needed to serve as staff during the week. Staff assists with setting up the rooms, posting

signs and schedules and for chores such as cleaning bath and restroom facilities.

Financial Support for SOS Projects

A roofing project costs approximately \$2,000, but any amount is appreciated. A church sponsoring a project will “adopt” the crew for the week and serve lunch each day. Your crew will attend your church for worship and lunch on Sunday and meet your congregation. Afterwards, the crew will visit the homeowner.

Volunteer Spotlight

When it comes to Rebuilding Hope, volunteer Cliff McClanahan just might be a man for all reasons.

Forklift and truck maintenance, plumbing, electrical and roof repairs, building ramps, installing windows and doors and, as Cliff puts it, “anything needed.”

“I had a need to serve and the skills to do it,” he says.

Cliff says he heard a presentation about RHI about 10 years ago at a men’s breakfast at Central Baptist Church. He asked how he could help. He’s been helping ever since, starting with the forklift.

“Seeing a homebound person able to leave home by the ramp you’ve installed or that someone’s plumbing or electrical works” is a blessing, Cliff says.

The Missouri native and Navy veteran encourages volunteering at RHI.

“There’s something for everybody here if you’ll just do it.”

Cliff retired after operating his own truck repair business in Virginia for 30 years. He is a deacon at Central and has served on several committees.

Cliff and Jane, his wife of 50 years, have a son and daughter and two granddaughters.



Cliff

Our Ongoing Needs

Prayer, Volunteers, Building Materials,
Donations, Monthly Financial Support

Areas Where You Can Serve

AC/Heating Accounting
Carpentry/Framing and Finishing
Carpet/Vinyl Installation
Cleaning Computer Cooking
Doors Drafting Drywall
Electrical Evangelism Internet
Office Organization
Painting Plumbing Ramps
Reception Roofing Siding
Secretarial Telephone Windows
Welding/Sheet Metal Writing

Wheelchair Ramps – Volunteers Needed



We need volunteers like those pictured above to help build wheelchair ramps and reduce a backlog of more than 30 requests.

Building the ramps slowed as we moved to and set up in our new location. The recent cold weather further hampered our work.

Churches, do you have men's groups who could lend a hand?

If you can help, we'll put you in touch with Bill Overby of Enterprise Baptist Church, our team leader in Warren County. Or Steve Timberlake of Oxford Baptist Church, our team leader in Granville County. Or, in Vance County, Steve Lyles of Raleigh Road Baptist Church, Vann Wester of New Sandy Creek Baptist Church, or Cliff McClanahan of Central Baptist Church. Every effort will be made to assign work in the vicinity of your church.

Tentative 2018 Calendar

May

1 - SOS Registration Deadline
Registration with deposit Feb. 1-May 1 is \$150 per participant.
13 - Mother's Day
28 - Memorial Day – RHI Closed

June

17 – Father's Day
23-30 SOS

July

4 - RHI Closed for Independence Day

August

6-8 - Kids' Construction Camp – 9 a.m.-noon
KCC gives second-sixth graders hands-on experiences with basic construction skills as they rotate through stations such as Hammer & Nails, Electrical & Plumbing, Block Laying and a Take-home Building Project. Registration forms for the camp are available online at www.rebuildinghopeinc.org.

September

3 - Labor Day – RHI Closed
28 - Fall Fundraiser – 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

October

19-20 - 8th Annual Men's Ministry Weekend
On Friday evening of our Men's Ministry Weekend, men and boys will gather for a meal, at no cost, and a worship service at a local church. On Saturday morning they will gather at Rebuilding Hope to make up teams and receive assignments for hands-on projects in our communities.

November

21 - RHI Closed
22 - Thanksgiving – RHI Closed
23 - RHI Closed

December

24-28 – RHI Closed
31 – New Year's Eve – RHI Closed

Weekly Men's Prayer Group

*As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens another.*

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

You're invited to our weekly men's prayer group on Thursday mornings at 7 o'clock. A light

breakfast is served. A full breakfast is served on the first Thursday. Join us for a time of prayer and Christian fellowship.

Equipment Available for Check-out

RHI has equipment that churches and groups may check out for use in their projects. Call the office at 252-438-5132 or Randolph's cell at 252-425-5593. The following equipment is available:

Mobile kitchen – Stove, griddle, snow cone, cotton candy and popcorn machines.

2 tool trailers – Equipped with all tools needed to build a wheelchair ramp.

Game trailer – Game trailer with all kinds of games to use for outreach.

How to Bring a Group to RHI

RHI has a number of volunteer opportunities throughout the year and will work with you or your group (youth or adult) to not only meet the needs of homeowners, but also to meet the needs of your group in its effort to put its faith into action serving others. We provide job locations and materials for hands-on experience and will arrange for one-day projects or projects for more than one day. Overnight accommodations can be arranged. E-mail us at rwilson@rebuildinghopeinc.org or call 252-438-5132 for more information or registration.

Appliances Accepted

RHI accepts some used appliances that are in good working order. The appliances include washers and dryers, refrigerators and electric stoves. Appliances that require repairs cannot be accepted.



RHI does not have used furniture and cannot accept household goods or clothing.

Appreciation

Thanks to all the churches, businesses and individuals who have supported and continue to support the Rebuilding Hope ministry. Without your support, meeting the needs of our communities would be impossible. Continue to pray for us as we endeavor to reach our communities with the gospel.