

Merry Christmas!

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.



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Newsletter

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Merry Christmas from Rebuilding Hope



Randolph

All of us at Rebuilding Hope wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May this Christmas season be filled with joy and excitement as we celebrate the birthday of our Lord and Savior.

Thanks to all our volunteers for all their hard work this past year.

Thanks also to all our supporters who help this ministry reach out in our communities and show the love of Christ.

In the words of the prophet, from Isaiah 9:6 (NIV):

*For to us a child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and the government will be on his
shoulders.*

*And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Randolph



Mike Jackson (left) and Cliff McClanahan (right) work with window installers as improvements were made to the RHI building. Improvements to the front windows included new drapes.

Needed Features and Upgrades Improve RHI Building, Efficiency

Improvements to our buildings this year enable us to serve our communities more efficiently.

“Since we moved into our new location in early 2017, we’ve known that improvements and changes to the facilities would be needed,” says Rebuilding Hope coordinator Randolph Wilson.

“The new location, the old Coca-Cola building, served one type of business activity, and Rebuilding Hope is a different type of activity, and that made some changes necessary,” he says.

The ministry moved from its location on Oliver Drive to the 1.9 acre site on Raleigh Road and into two buildings which had served Coca-Cola as bottling, distribution, repair and storage operations.

Projects on the approximately 20,000-square-foot main building have included:



In the warehouse, Scott Martz installs the cooler where supplies for food fundraisers will be stored.

Installing a bathroom with two showers on the second floor to accommodate volunteers staying in the bunkroom.

Adding restrooms for men and women nearer the meeting room.

Installing a cooler to store food needed for fundraisers.

Installing three-phase power to the saw shop and new cooler.

Power washing loose paint from the exterior.

Replacing cracked and painted-over window panels in the front of the building.

Hanging curtains on the front windows.

Painting the roof on an outbuilding to



When new windows were installed in the front of the building, Leo Suitte made curtains.



Clyde Wilson (left) and Leon Dillard install three-phase electricity to the saw shop and cooler areas of the warehouse.

prevent further rusting.

“Looking at the coming year, we have two large projects,” Randolph says. “We’ve ordered a truss to over-roof a flat roof on one of the buildings, and we want to replace the roof on the drive-through building. Once we get those done, our roofs will be in good shape,” he says.

A future project is building a shelter for volunteers and their cookers during fundraisers, he says. At other times the shelter would be a parking spot for the ministry’s trucks and equipment.

“The additions to our facilities also



Larry Leach (left) and Bob "Plumbob" Demarco prepare a sink for installation in the second-floor bathroom.



Preparing for new paint, Matt Jackson blasts old paint from the building.

enable us to support other ministries in their outreach programs,” he says. “Just last month, Grace Ministries used the cooler and our kitchen for its turkey dinner outreach to about 4,000 people in Henderson. Our large dining area allowed the ministry to serve meals there, too.”



Finding the right nails, screws and bolts is easier after Ashraf Lamy better organizes supplies in the spacious warehouse.

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.



RHI volunteers (from left) Donnie Wade, Dave Burns and Cliff McClanahan work on repairs at the Jones County home of a double amputee.

Jones County Resident Gets a Helping Hand from Rebuilding Hope volunteers

RHI volunteers last month made their third trip to Jones County to continue work on a home damaged by Hurricane Florence.

In October, the team removed sheetrock and hardwood flooring from the home whose resident is a double amputee. Water had risen to about eight inches inside the structure.

On a return visit Nov. 5-7, the team installed and prepared sheetrock for painting, put down subflooring and removed a bath tub so a shower, which will better serve the owner's needs, can be installed.

The next week, RHI volunteers sanded and painted the walls and laid new flooring.

This month, on a fourth visit, the team will complete any work left undone.

"I'd like for him to get back into his house before Christmas," RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson says.

On their trips, RHI partnered with Core Creek FWB in Cove City. The church provided team members with overnight accommodations and meals during their stays. Donations from the church to RHI are helping to complete the work.

RHI Volunteer Spotlight

Acquainted with the man who would be Rebuilding Hope's founder and pleased with the camaraderie he later observed at the ministry, Billy Ayscue decided where to offer his time and talents.

"I knew Randolph Wilson before he started RHI and knew of his out-of-state trips to assist people with storm damage," says Billy, now an eight-year RHI volunteer.



Billy

"Several years ago, I was looking for something to do when other activities were winding down," he says.

On a trip to donate some building materials at RHI's old location on Oliver Drive, Billy says Randolph shared with him how he wanted the ministry to help meet housing needs in Vance and surrounding counties.

On another trip to RHI, Billy says he noticed the good-natured way volunteers were going about setting up a tent that would serve as a heated space for men's prayer group meetings.

He concluded that RHI was "obviously a good place to be with a good group of people."

The ministry "provides an opportunity to spend time in the company of Christian men and to be a part of helping others with their needs, both physical and spiritual," he says.

Billy, a Vance County native and resident, served six years on RHI's board of directors. Today he mans the application and phone desk a day each week and, as needed, assists with fundraising and delivering materials to work sites.

"We always ask to have prayer with applicants before they leave," Billy says. "They're asked about anything going on in their lives for which they may want prayer. Quite often, at the completion, tears are in the applicant's eyes. It makes you wonder if this is the first time in their lives that someone has prayed specifically and directly for them."

Billy retired in 1990 after 30 years with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. He managed several agricultural research

stations, including those in Oxford, Clinton, Salisbury and Rocky Mount.

A member of Raleigh Road Baptist Church, he teaches the Adult Sunday School Class and served as association Sunday school director. He served as deacon and Sunday school director in other churches as his family moved around the state.

He is a former active-duty U.S. Navy aviator and is retired from the Navy Reserve.

Billy and Nancy have been married for 58 years and have two children, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In his leisure time, Billy says he enjoys woodworking and gardening.

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AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.com.

The difference is that when you shop AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate a half-percent of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

Every item available for purchase on amazon.com is also available on AmazonSmile at the same price. Eligible products are marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

When you're shopping online at smile.amazon.com, Rebuilding Hope will benefit from a donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation – and you're helping us help our communities.

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.



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.

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.



Building Wheelchair Ramps: Answers to Your Questions

Churches, do you have groups – like the one pictured -- who can lend a hand and help us build wheelchair ramps? Your participation would help reduce a backlog of more than 30 requests – and help us all reach our



communities for Christ.

Here are answers to some questions you might have.

What preparations are made before work begins? Before work begins, an RHI volunteer will visit the job site and assess the owner's physical and spiritual needs. The volunteer will take measurements and draw a plan. Job sites are different and custom plans are necessary.

What about materials and tools? RHI will gather the materials and deliver them to the job site and provide tools, as needed.

Are building permits required? RHI will obtain the required permits.

Who will supervise and be responsible for the work? An experienced RHI crew leader.

How long does building a ramp take? Depending on the ramp (e.g., straight ramp or ramp with a landing) and the number of crew members, it's a day to a day-and-a-half job.

Where are job sites located? In all the communities we serve, but every effort will be made to assign work in the vicinity of your church.

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Can work be scheduled on Saturdays?

Yes.

For more information? Call the RHI office at 252-438-5132.

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.

Areas Where You Can Serve at RHI

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

Equipment Available for Check-out

RHI has equipment – like the game trailer pictured below – that churches and groups may check out for use in their projects. Call the office at 252-425-5132 or Randolph's cell at 252-425-5593. Available equipment:



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

Mobile kitchen – Snow cone, cotton candy and popcorn machines.

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

Tentative 2018-19 Calendar

December

24-26 – RHI Closed

31 – New Year's Eve – RHI Closed

January 2019

1 – New Year's Day – Closed

February

1 – **SOS Early Bird Special** Deadline

SOS (Servants on Site) is our summer event. Local and out-of-town groups of youth who have completed 6th grade, along with their adult group leaders, are housed at Crossroads Christian School. Crews are formed and go out Monday-Friday to do hands-on ministry to a local homeowner. Breakfast, supper and worship are at Central Baptist Church. With registration and a \$50 deposit by Feb. 1, the cost per participant is \$125.

March

TBA – **DNow** Workday

April

14 – Palm Sunday

19 – Good Friday – RHI Closed

21 – Easter Sunday

26 – **Spring Fundraiser**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

May

1 – **SOS Registration Deadline**

Registration with deposit Feb. 1-May1 is \$150 per participant.

12 – Mother's Day

27 – Memorial Day – RHI Closed

June

16 – Father's Day

22-29 – **SOS19**

July

4 – RHI closed for Independence Day

August

5-7 – **Kids' Construction Camp**, 9 a.m.-Noon

KCC gives 2nd-6th graders hands-on experiences with basic construction skills as they rotate through stations such as Hammer & Nails, Electrical & Plumbing, Block Laying and Building a Birdhouse.

September

2 – Labor Day – RHI Closed

27 – **Fall Fundraiser**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

October

25-26 – 9th Annual **Men's Ministry Weekend**

On Friday evening , men and boys will gather for a meal, at no cost, and 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

11 – Veterans Day

27 – RHI Closed

28 – Thanksgiving Day – RHI Closed

29 – RHI Closed

December

24 – Christmas Eve

25 – Christmas Day

23 -27 – RHI Closed

31 – New Year's Eve – RHI Closed

