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*Blessed is the nation whose God
is the Lord.*

Psalms 33:12 (NIV)



Youths and their leaders gather on the first day of camp to hear instructions for the week.

Over 160 Gather for 2019 SOS, Share the Love of Jesus in Work and Word

More than 160 youths and their leaders took part June 22-29 in Rebuilding Hope's seventh annual Servants on Site.

The summer mission camp provides opportunities for teams to use home repairs to meet the physical needs of people in our communities. More importantly, they use the opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The 2019 workload included replacing 13 roofs, building six wheelchair ramps and making three home repairs.



Campers and leaders replaced 13 roofs in our communities. The large number of campers allowed RHI to schedule more roof jobs than in previous years. This job is on Jane Avenue.

"By sharing the gospel through both actions and words, we seek to demonstrate the hope and power of the living Christ," says RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson. "Our goal is not only to rebuild homes, but also to rebuild lives and hearts."

Participants, who were organized into 16 crews, came from around the state and South Carolina

The group from Windy Gap Baptist Church in Franklin, N.C., numbered 23.

Brian Browning, a Windy Gap member, says SOS has a "tremendous value" as it "lets kids have the opportunity to work together. The greatest opportunity is sharing Jesus."

Mitch Callaway and 13 others came from Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in State Road, N.C.

Clarence Bigler from Norlina Baptist Church participated in his first SOS.

"I'm impressed and enlightened," he says.



Following dinner, campers gathered for a time of praise and worship at Central Baptist Church.



SOS teens and leaders build a wheelchair ramp on Hargrove Street in Henderson. It was one of six ramps campers built in our communities.

"I've been so many places and seen so many things, and this is encouraging."

Students enjoyed themselves, too.

Dillan Carter from Norlina Baptist Church, on his first SOS mission, says, "I find it very joyful. I don't mind the hard work and doing for people who can't."

Carson Ball from Franklinton Baptist Church, also on his first SOS trip, says helping people is "cool. People have an abandonment feeling and our job is to tell them they're not alone."

Abby Callaway of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in State Road has been to all seven camps. "I've grown up doing this," says Abby, who is now a crew motivator.

Reiley Green from Newman Chapel Baptist Church in Franklin was on her third SOS mission. "I



Norlina Baptist Church was among the 16 churches providing lunches for campers at their job sites. Members of the Norlina lunch team at Jane Street are (from left, back row) Ginger Wescott, Brenda Bigler, Fran Lambert, Linda Fitchett, Douglas Carter, (front row) Madison Bruce, B.J. Carter and Isaac Bruce.



Breakfast and dinner were served at Central Baptist Church. Breakfast crew members are (from left) Sam Newton, James Deans, Roger Bibee, Laura Newton, Susan Newton, Ann Overton, Jane McClanahan, Butch Overton and Jesse Hodges.

like it. Meeting new people and having fun while learning about Christ."

Younger SOS participants are seventh through twelfth graders. Older participants through college age serve in leadership roles. Lodging is provided at Crossroads Christian School. The SOS staff includes security and medical personnel. Breakfast and dinner are provided at Central Baptist Church, where evening worship services are held. Host churches provide lunches at the job sites.

SOS is an extension of Rebuilding Hope Inc. and is a tool for churches to mobilize, equip and disciple students and adults in an evangelistic effort to impact a lost and fallen world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Donna Allen greets campers at dinner each evening with some good advice.



Ann and Billy Layton travel from Nashville each week to volunteer at Rebuilding Hope.

RHI Volunteer Spotlight

While most RHI volunteers live nearby, Billy and Ann Layton travel a bit to serve the ministry. The Laytons drive 38 miles once a week to Henderson from their home in Nashville, N.C. While in Henderson, the couple stays in their travel trailer snuggled in a back corner at RHI.

No strangers to travel, the couple for a number of years worked as site coordinators for North Carolina Baptist Men in rebuilding homes after hurricanes and other disasters.

The Laytons got to know RHI founders Randolph and Gail Wilson through business connections and NCBM relief work.

Billy attended his first NCBM training in 1992, he says, and took several relief trips.

"In 2005, God spoke to me, and I began to get involved with NCBM again," says Billy, who in 2012 closed his 25-year-old mobile home service business. Prior to his appointment as a rebuild site coordinator in 2011, trips to disaster areas found him taking care of equipment and coordinating shower and laundry operations.

"I enjoy helping those in need," says Billy. "Most rewarding is being able to share the gospel with others by our actions."

Billy says his service at RHI has included helping rebuild several homes and mobile homes, distributing materials at job sites and serving as a crew chief supervisor. He's helped build the bunk, shower and gathering areas on the second floor of the warehouse.

"The first day I came to RHI with Billy, I thought I would just be helping him with whatever building projects he worked on," says Ann. "On my

WIZS Features RHI on Town Talk



Rebuilding Hope was featured June 18 on the WIZS Town Talk program. RHI volunteer Robbie Parham talked with the station's morning host, Brandi Beck, about the ministry's mission and Servants on Site, the RHI summer mission camp for youths.

first day, Randolph showed me around. When he was showing me the office area, he was telling me who used each one.

"He stopped at one office and said, 'This is where the new lady will be working.' When I looked at him he had a big grin on his face, and I realized that he was talking about me. I spend most of my time on the computer but do get to help Billy a little bit."

RHI, the couple says, is a ministry where volunteers are welcome regardless of their skill levels.

"The only request is that they represent God in a godly way in all they do," the Laytons say.

Billy and Ann are members of Momeyer Baptist Church in Nashville where he serves as a deacon and mission trip crew leader and assists with maintenance.

The couple has three children and three grandchildren and enjoy spending time with family at Lake Gaston.

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.

RHI Hosts Marriage and Mission Retreat for Ministry Based in Elkin, N.C.



Rebuilding Hope hosted a marriage and mission retreat sponsored by Stone's Throw Christian Ministries of Elkin, N.C., and Baptists on Mission Family Foundation.

The sponsors offered the May 24-26 retreat to Elkin-area churches.

RHI provided accommodations for the couples on the newly-renovated second floor of its headquarters at 414 Raleigh Road.

On mission, couples built a wheelchair ramp in Henderson.

Pictured at the job site are (from left, front row) Emily Stroud, Rex Stroud, Lori Collins, Robin Callaway, (back row) Julie Hodges, Willie Hodges, RHI crew leader Vann Wester, Randy Collins and Mitch Callaway.

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.



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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 services are provided at no cost, donations from applicants are appreciated.

Building Wheelchair Ramps: Answers to Your Questions

Churches, do you have groups – like the one pictured below -- 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.

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.

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.

AmazonSmile Purchases Benefit Rebuilding Hope

Your Amazon purchases can now benefit Rebuilding Hope.

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.

Areas Where You Can Serve at RHI



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

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.

Tentative 2019 Calendar 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.

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September

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

October

11-12 – 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

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 reach our communities with the gospel of Jesus Christ.