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Newsletter

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Banners all over town will announce our Fall BBQ Chicken Fundraiser, this year on Friday, Sept. 27.

Three Events Ahead for RHI *Kids' Construction Camp*

RHI volunteers have set their sights on a flurry of activity for the next three months, with an event each month.

The annual Kids' Construction Camp (KCC) is scheduled for Aug. 5-7, 9 a.m.-noon each day.

KCC gives second through sixth graders hands-on experiences with basic construction skills as they rotate through stations such as Hammer and Nails, Electrical and Plumbing, Block Laying and building a take-home project.

"So many people in our communities have construction skills, and they're generous with their time and help with the camp," says RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson.

"While campers rotate through areas of construction, we want them to be aware of how they are building their lives.



RHI volunteers Steve Lyles, Ed Blue, Jim Montgomery and Richard Rogers help 2018 Kids' Construction Camp participants build a stool, last year's take-home project.

"One of the stations in the camp is Bible study. Last year the theme of the study was 'What Type of Reputation Are You Building?'"

At camp's end participants are given certificates of completion.

Registration forms are available at

www.rebuildinghopeinc.org.

Fall BBQ Chicken Fundraiser

In September, final plans will be made for the Fall BBQ Chicken Fundraiser. Friday, Sept. 27, is the date. Plates will be available 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

From their early morning arrival on the day of the fundraiser to heat up the grills to the meticulous task of filling small cups with barbecue sauce to bagging slices of bread, RHI volunteers year after year make this fundraiser happen.

"Proceeds from the fundraisers help support our opportunities to witness for Christ as we make home repairs and build wheelchair ramps," Randolph says.

Men's Ministry Weekend

Our 9th annual Men's Ministry Weekend is scheduled for Oct. 11-12.

On Friday evening, men and boys will gather for a meal, at no cost, and worship service at the RHI warehouse. On Saturday morning, they will gather at the warehouse to make up teams and receive assignments for hands-on projects in our communities.

For registration information, call our office.

RHI Volunteer Spotlight

In his 10 years as a Rebuilding Hope volunteer, Steve Cannon has seen a lot of wheelchair ramps and rooftops, but the “divine appointments” stand out.



Steve

“I was a fulltime volunteer for six years, serving as the construction coordinator,” Steve says.

“I had the opportunity to visit with homeowners and their families when doing job assessments. This time was always special. These were divine appointments.”

Steve says he “experienced hurting people looking for answers and hope. I got the opportunity to pray with them and present the Gospel.

“What was really special was experiencing the power of the Gospel. People putting their faith in Jesus. Seeing their hopelessness turn to hope.”

The Pickens, S.C., native volunteered after hearing a presentation about RHI’s mission and ministry.

After he retired from the North Carolina Forest Service in 2009 with 30 years’ service, “God called me to get involved in the ministry and the opportunity it gave to introduce our community to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

Moving into a part-time role, Steve serves where he’s needed – at the warehouse or during outreach events, such as SOS D-Now and Kids’ Construction Camp.

“I encourage others to volunteer,” says the outreach pastor at New Sandy Creek Baptist Church. “God uses you to bless others, but God also blesses you through His work. Most of the time I felt like I got the biggest blessing.”

In other activities, Steve has worked with Embrace Henderson in its outreach events and Joy Club in the public schools.

Steve and Ann have been married nearly 33 years and have two daughters.

In his leisure time, Steve says he enjoys hiking and hunting.

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If you know someone who would enjoy our newsletter, send the email address to us at info@rebuildinghopeinc.org.

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.

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



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.

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.

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.

Randolph Wilson

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

September

2 – Labor Day – RHI Closed
27 – **Fall Fundraiser**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

October

11-12 – 9th Annual **Men's Ministry Weekend**
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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