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Newsletter

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N.C. State Students Assist Rebuilding Hope

The collection and reporting of Rebuilding Hope volunteers' hours became a little easier recently thanks to two N.C. State University graduate students.

Neeraja Doshi (left) and Karan Chhajer completed eight hours of community service as part of a three-month internship at a local business by assisting RHI.

RHI volunteers now log their hours in a computer program designed by the students, replacing paper logs.

Their internships in business analysis and mechanical engineering at Timberline, a local manufacturer of packaging products, included an eight-hour community service component. Timberline referred the students to RHI.

"We were delighted to have the students here," says RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson. "They helped in a very critical area of our ministry."

RHI Lends A Hand As ACTS Relocates



Making its move to another location was hard and heavy work for ACTS (Area Christians Together in Service). Rebuilding Hope was pleased to lend a hand. Three of RHI's trucks were employed to make the Labor Day weekend move from Chestnut Street to William Street. The ministries of ACTS include a soup kitchen, food pantry and home-meal delivery.

RHI Officers, Board Members Elected

At the annual meeting of the Rebuilding Hope Inc. board of directors in August, the following were re-elected:

Randolph Wilson, president, a post he has held since 2006; Vann Wester to a second term as vice president; Walt Slaton, treasurer, a post he has held since 2016; and Bill Overby to a third term as secretary.

At the board's meeting in May, Robbie Parham was elected a member of the board for a three-year term. Donnie Wade and Steve Lyles were re-elected.

Officers serve one-year terms and board members serve three-year terms.

9th Annual Men's Ministry Weekend; Still Time to Register for Oct. 11-12

There's still time to be part of RHI's Men's Ministry Weekend scheduled for Oct. 11-12.



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

To register call the RHI office.

RHI Volunteer Spotlight

Steve Timberlake's reason for volunteering at Rebuilding Hope is hard to beat:

"The collective efforts of many people with various talents and gifts with willing and compassionate hearts with a common goal of sharing the love of Jesus Christ."



Steve, an Oxford resident and RHI's Granville County team leader, has volunteered for four years. He recalls that RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson shared the ministry's mission with Baptist Men at Oxford Baptist Church in 2016, the year the church sponsored its first SOS (Servants on Site) team.

Steve "I enjoy supporting the SOS teams as well as the handicap ramp ministry," says Steve. "Providing assistance to others in need helps us all realize how very fortunate and blessed we are."

Steve, who retired in 2014 after 30 years with Southern States Cooperative, notes also that "when a ramp is completed, the appreciation shown from the recipient is very humbling."

The Granville County native serves his church as an adult Bible study teacher and director of Baptist Men and his community as a 30-year member of the Oxford Lions Club.

"The club's primary focus," Steve says, "is to help the blind and visually impaired."

Steve and Ann have been married for 45 years, and they have a son, a daughter and two grandchildren.

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 hands-on experience 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.



Share Our Newsletter

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

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 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 Bethel 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 252-438-5132 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.

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.

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 Thursdays at 7 a.m. A light breakfast is served. A full breakfast is served on the first Thursday. Join us for prayer and Christian fellowship.

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

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.



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.



Tentative 2019 Calendar

October

11-12 — 9th Annual Men's Ministry Weekend
See page 1 for details.

November

11 — Veterans Day
27-29 RHI closed for Thanksgiving

December

24-27 — RHI closed for Christmas