

# Merry Christmas

*For Unto Us A Child Is Born, Unto Us A Son Is Given (Isaiah 9:6)*



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## Newsletter

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### Merry Christmas from Rebuilding Hope

As we close out another year of service to the communities we love, saying thank you to all of you who support this ministry never seems like enough.



Without your prayerful support and the donations of your time and treasure, so many in need would not have been touched by the love of Jesus.

This year has been a busy one.

The youths who came to SOS in June replaced 14 roofs, built six ramps and completed three home repair projects. Besides their efforts, 17 area churches provided meals for them.

Our Kids Construction Camp taught Kids basic construction skills. A Bible study station helped them to build the right foundation for their lives. And again this year we provided projects, materials and leadership for DNow.

Teams from churches in our area, as well as from Elkin, Lumberton and Asheville, built ramps and completed repair projects, helping us to reduce a backlog of requests. Partnering is at the heart of what we do.

Thank you to everyone who helps make our spring and fall barbecue chicken fundraisers successes. The proceeds from these events help pay for much of what we do all year.

"Rebuilding Homes, Lives and Hearts" is the mission to which God has called us. With humble hearts, we strive daily to be faithful to that calling.

Merry Christmas from all of us at RHI.

*Randolph*

### RHI at Work Partnering in Our Communities



RHI volunteers (from left) Dave Burns, Randy Curtis, William Wescott and Donnie Wade load materials for a roof repair last month. Randy and William joined a team of more than a dozen from their church, Norlina Baptist, to serve a resident in the Lake Gaston area.



Central Baptist Church got an assist from RHI in November on this ramp project in Henderson. At work are (from left) Rod Heintz, Dave Burns, Cliff McClanahan and Jack Powell.

### 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.

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RHI volunteers (from left) Linda Teague, Jeffrey Strickland, Doc Ayscue, Donnie Wade, Dave Burns and Steve Lyles work last month on a ramp for a resident in the Townsville area.

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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](mailto: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.

**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 Volunteer Spotlight**

Often folks who have been helped by Rebuilding Hope become volunteers.

“After Rebuilding Hope built a ramp for me,” Taurus Howard says, “I came up to see if I could volunteer.”



**Taurus**

Taurus joined the team about eight months ago.

Seeing how volunteers worked together “brought a tear to my eye. I wanted to give back,” says the Henderson resident.

“To go out on a job site and see the elderly with smiles on their faces makes me feel good,” he says. “I want them to know that there are still good people in the world.”

A member of Red Bud Baptist Church, Taurus says he would encourage others to become RHI volunteers “because for one thing, we’re put on this earth to help one another, not just take.

“I look forward to coming up here,” he says. “I have no complaints. God is good.”

**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.

**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.

## 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.

## 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

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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.

## Tentative 2019 Calendar December

23-27 — RHI Closed for Christmas  
24 — Christmas Eve  
25 — Christmas Day  
27 — RHI Closed  
31 — New Year's Eve - RHI Closed

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