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## Newsletter

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The Rebuilding Hope Newsletter was not published in August.



Charles Hilliard (left) and Randolph Wilson (right) at an event several years ago at North Henderson Baptist Church.

### In Memoriam — Charles Hilliard

Charles Hilliard was our first regular volunteer at Rebuilding Hope in 2006. Charles passed away Aug. 8. He was 83.

He was so faithful to come every day to work around the warehouse, but, most important, to encourage me. It was such a blessing to see that little white truck coming up the road on days when no one else was at the warehouse. He would go out with me to pick up furniture. He would bring men from his church to work on projects.

My friend was a blessing to me. I will miss Charles.

He was a member of North Henderson Baptist Church where he had served as deacon and Sunday school director and teacher.

An Army National Guard veteran and retired from Roses Stores Inc., Charles is survived by his wife, Ann Harper Hilliard, a daughter, two sons, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two sisters.

*Randolph*

### Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser Canceled

Our Fall Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser planned for Friday, Sept. 25, has been canceled. Thanks to all who were ready to volunteer and support this annual event.



### 3 Churches Join Forces For a Warren County SOS

Three Warren County churches joined forces Aug. 10-12 in service to our Warren County community. This effort was an abbreviated version of the Rebuilding Hope youth ministry Servants on Site (SOS) to show the love of Jesus by assisting people with home repairs.

Twenty-two youth and 17 adult volunteers expended more than 600 manhours to replace two roofs and construct a wheelchair ramp in the Lake Gaston, Wise and Ridgeway communities.

Construction functions were performed by volunteers from Enterprise Baptist Church, Lake Gaston Baptist Church and Vaughan Baptist Church.

Teams from Enterprise, Lake Gaston and West End Baptist churches provided midmorning refreshments and lunches at the job sites each day.

The church involvement was coordinated by youth pastors Chris Snead of Enterprise and Josiah Anthill of Lake Gaston.

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A team from three Warren County churches served their communities in an abbreviated SOS. One project was building this ramp in the Ridgeway community.



When work was completed by members of Lake Gaston, Enterprise and Vaughan Baptist churches (above and below), the home in this Lake Gaston community had a new roof.



**Warren Churches' SOS**  
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At the kickoff rally on Sunday evening, Rebuilding Hope coordinator Randolph Wilson reminded volunteers and families that the heart of Rebuilding Hope is taking the message of salvation through Jesus to our local communities. To that end, he said, we are on mission to not only be constructors but also to be witnesses for Christ to the families, friends, neighbors and passers-by at our work sites.

At the opening rally on Sunday and the closing rally on Thursday, Josiah and Chris reminded us that our Lord Jesus commissioned His disciples — and, therefore, us — to “...Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation...” and “...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” or to paraphrase, “...you will be my witnesses in Warren County, and in all of North Carolina, and to the ends of the earth.”

They additionally reminded us that though we meet and worship in separate buildings, we are one church — the Church of Jesus Christ — with one purpose and that to glorify our Lord.



When a team from the three churches finished this project in the Wise community, the resident had a new roof.

(Note: RHI's annual SOS which brings more than 200 volunteers to our communities was canceled this year because of the coronavirus pandemic.)

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**RHI Volunteers Complete Other Projects**



In July, RHI volunteers pray with residents at this Henderson home (above) after building them a ramp. In August, a home in the Epsom community (below) gets a new roof.



## 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.

## Share Our Newsletter

If you know someone who would enjoy our newsletter, send the email address to us at [info@rebuildinghopeinc.org](mailto:info@rebuildinghopeinc.org)

## 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 others. We provide materials for hands-on 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, 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](http://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](http://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.

## RHI's 2020 Calendar

Just a reminder: dates and events are subject to change.

### October

No events scheduled.

### November

11 – Veterans Day  
23-27 – RHI Closed  
26 – Thanksgiving Day

### December

24 – Christmas Eve  
25 – Christmas Day  
21-25 – RHI Closed  
31 – New Year's Eve – RHI Closed

## 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.

## Change of Mailing Address

Effective immediately, mail should be addressed to Rebuilding Hope at 414 Raleigh Road, Henderson, N.C. 27536. We are no longer receiving mail at a post office box.

## 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.



## Green Thumb Wanted

Have a green thumb and want to put it to good use? RHI needs a volunteer, a group of volunteers or club to maintain shrubbery and flower beds. RHI will furnish all materials and equipment. Call us at 252-438-5132 or 252-425-5593.



## 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  
Gardening Welding/Sheet Metal  
Evangelism Internet Organization  
Ramps Reception Roofing  
Siding Secretarial Telephone  
Welding/Sheet Metal Windows Writing

## RHI Speakers Bureau

The Rebuilding Hope Speakers Bureau is off to a good start in 2020.

RHI volunteers in January spoke to four churches and a group of pastors in Franklin, Warren and Vance counties.

If your church or organization would like to hear more about RHI and our mission in our communities, we can provide a speaker.

Call our office. We can coordinate a date and time for one of our volunteers to talk to you about our work and how you can participate.

