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## Newsletter

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### 11 Churches from Near and Far Already Signed Up for SOS Special Edition

Churches from near and far are signing up for RHI's SOS Special Edition, the new name and new look for the ministry's signature event for seven consecutive summers.



Last year, that event, SOS (Servants on Site), was cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic. The 2021 approach will allow service to our communities to continue but omits large groups of youths and leaders in housing, meals and worship.

#### Churches Coming from Alabama, Georgia

Eleven churches have already signed up to replace roofs, build wheelchair ramps and make minor home repairs. They are Gardeners Baptist Church, Lake Gaston Baptist Church, Vaughn Baptist Church, Central Baptist Church, Park Chapel United Methodist Church, Enterprise Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ala., Windy Gap Baptist Church of Franklin, Fuller's Chapel, West Oxford Baptist Church and Winona Park United Methodist Church of Way Cross, Ga.

#### Group-by-Group Basis

Instead of the familiar one-week event, SOS Special Edition will be conducted on a group-by-group basis, with each group working during a week it chooses. Weeks available extend from June 21-25 through Aug. 23-27. Groups will be asked for their first and second choices of weeks to work. The churches mentioned have blocked out some of the weeks.

The church or group partnering with a project will provide meals. Meal specifics for out-of-town groups will be announced by RHI, which will make arrangements for housing for those groups. Team members from local churches will return to their homes after each workday.

#### How to Register Your Group

Email [rwilson@rebuildinghopeinc.org](mailto:rwilson@rebuildinghopeinc.org).

Choose when you want to work. Groups will be asked for their first and second choices of weeks to attend. The fee for the week is \$25 per person.

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### Forklift Donated to Rebuilding Hope



This Nissan Optimum forklift is a donation to RHI from Tom Wille of Henderson, bringing to three the number of forklifts available for ministry projects. "We're grateful to Tom for this generous gift that adds to our ability to move materials," says RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson.

### Projects Large and Small



Members of Central Baptist Church (above) recently built this ramp for one of its members who resides in the Kittrell area. RHI partnered with the church, supplying tools and materials. Pictured below is a small ramp built by RHI volunteers for a resident in the Vicksboro area. The ministry is eager to partner with churches and other groups to meet needs in our communities.



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RHI will provide projects, materials and any leadership needed. Each project — that includes the homeowner and crew — will be supported by a local church partner.

### **16 Roof Jobs Ready to Go**

"We've have 16 roof replacement jobs ready to go," says RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson, "along with a large number of ramps and repair jobs. We still need sponsors and feeding teams."

### **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

### **RHI Speakers Bureau**

The Rebuilding Hope Speakers Bureau is off go 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.



## **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)

## 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.

## 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 materials for hands on job locations and will arrange for one-day projects or 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.



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## 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.

## 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's 2021 Calendar

Dates and events are subject to change.

### May

9 – Mother's Day

31 – Memorial Day – RHI Closed

### June

20 – Father's Day

### July

5 – RHI closed for Independence Day

### August

2-4 – Kids' Construction Camp, 9 a.m.-Noon

KCC gives 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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. Call or email for more information or to sign up.

### September

6 – Labor Day – RHI Closed

24 – Fall Fundraiser, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

### October

No events scheduled.

### November

11 – Veterans Day

22-26 – RHI Closed

25 – Thanksgiving Day

### December

24 – Christmas Eve

25 – Christmas Day

## Areas Where You Can Serve at RHI and Meet Needs in Our Communities



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

## 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.

