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Newsletter

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SOS SE Winding Down; 2 Projects Remain with Month to Go

Our SOS (Servants on Site) Special Edition is winding down toward the Aug. 27 completion date. As we've explained in previous newsletters, the usual week-long SOS was spread over June, July, and August this year because of the pandemic, which forced us to cancel the event in 2020.

SOS SE replaced the familiar summer gathering of hundreds of youths and adults in housing, meals and worship. Instead, church groups were invited to select a week to work on roof and ramp projects and share the love of Christ with homeowners and even their neighbors.

Pictured above is our collection of t-shirts from each of the SOS weeks from 2013 to 2019. The sign in the center of the bottom row tells the story of 2020.

The completed Special Edition project count as we closed out July is 11 roofs and six ramps.

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Team from Georgia Church Volunteers for SOS SE



When Georgia Pastor Doug Tolson needed a mission trip, he sent a message to some old acquaintances.



The result brought Doug and eight other members of the Winona Park United Methodist Church to a rooftop in the Epsom community of Vance County.

Doug is a veteran in disaster aid. He's made 20 trips over the years to help clean up in Louisiana, Alabama, Texas and South Carolina.

It was in South Carolina that he met Billy and Ann Layton, who are now RHI volunteers. Did they ever know of a mission trip opportunity: Servants on Site Special Edition.

The team from Waycross (pictured above) includes four students and five adults.

Accommodations and meals for the team were provided by New Sandy Creek Baptist Church.

St. Paul's Lutheran SOS SE Team Builds a Ramp for City Resident



Susan and Steve Bender and Pastor Corey Brooks of St. Paul's Lutheran Church prepare to build a ramp at this home in Henderson.

SOS SE Report



As SOS SE teams work from week to week, RHI volunteers make sure they have the supplies they need. Volunteers (from left) Dave Burns, Charles Granger and Billy Layton offload lumber at the warehouse.



Members of Central Baptist Church took on two weeks of projects and here replace a roof while another group prepares to build a ramp. Both projects are in Henderson.

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.

Kids' Construction Camp in August

Kids' Construction Camp is scheduled for Aug. 2-4.



The camp from 9 a.m.-noon each day gives 2nd-6th 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 Rebuilding Hope for more information or to sign up.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the camp was canceled in 2020.

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.

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.

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.



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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 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.



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.

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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 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, team leaders Steve Lyles of Raleigh Road Baptist Church, Vann Wester of New Bethel Baptist Church, or Cliff McClanahan of Central Baptist Church.

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 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

RHI's 2021 Calendar

Dates and events are subject to change.

August

2-4 – **Kids' Construction Camp**, 9 a.m.-Noon
KCC gives 2nd-6th 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