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Newsletter

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Lake Gaston Baptist Church members use a shingle lift to move supplies onto the roof of this home in their community.

SOS SE First Weeks Underway With Volunteers from Far and Near

The first weeks of SOS SE (Servants on Site Special Edition) are underway.



In early June, teams from several churches began tackling jobs to reshingle 16 roofs and build wheelchair ramps in our communities. Teams from other churches have signed up to help in coming weeks. Sponsoring churches provide meals and worship opportunities.

The entire SOS SE runs from June 7-11 through Aug. 23-27.

SOS, Rebuilding Hope's signature event, had been a week-long annual event for seven years until the pandemic stopped it in 2020. A new plan, the Special Edition, replaced the familiar summer gathering of hundreds of youths and adults in housing, meals and worship.

Providing the teams with the supplies and services they would need required the usual advance planning. "Detailed preparation is no small chore," says RHI coordi-



Members from three United Methodist churches — Plank Chapel, Trinity and Rehoboth — and Fuller Chapel Church of Christ team up to replace a roof in the Kittrell area.



A team from Central Baptist Church replaces the shingles at this home in Henderson.



Members of Windy Gap Baptist Church of Franklin, N.C., reroof this home in Henderson.

nator Randolph Wilson. "We want the teams to have all the supplies and tools they need when they walk onto the job site."

Preparation begins with a visit to each job site. An RHI volunteer meets with the homeowner and determines the condition of an existing roof or the terrain where a

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RHI volunteers Adam Paynter and Walt Slaton load shingles for one of the 15 roof replacement jobs that SOS SE volunteers will tackle this summer.



Doc Ayscue and Cliff McClanahan build one of 14 lifts for carrying shingles to rooftops.



Jeff Strickland and Mike Jackson ready portable toilets to be taken to job sites.

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ramp will be built and the quantity of materials needed for each job. The necessary permits are then secured.

Then, materials are gathered: shingles, tar paper, lumber, nails, bolts, nuts, washers, tools, compressors, hoses and more. Materials are on-hand, donated or purchased.

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.

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



Pictured are Mitch and Robin Callaway, Randy and Lori Collins, Mike and Hope Edwards and Randy and Julie Furches, couples who attended a marriage enrichment weekend hosted by RHI.

RHI Hosts State Road, N.C.-based Ministry's Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Stone's Throw Christian Ministries returned to RHI last month for a marriage enrichment weekend.

The June 4-6 weekend was sponsored by the State Road, N.C.-based ministry and the N.C. Baptists on Mission Family Foundation.

RHI provided accommodations for the couples on the newly-renovated second floor of its headquarters at 414 Raleigh Road in Henderson, as well as a conference room for meetings.

On mission, the couples repaired the roof on one of RHI's storage buildings.

The State Road, N.C.-based ministry first took advantage of RHI's facilities in 2019.

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.

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 Bids Farewell to Long-time Volunteer Donnie Wade

RHI has said farewell and Godspeed to a volunteer who has been one of the ministry's faithful for about a decade.

Donnie and Sunnie Wade recently moved to Richmond, Va.

"I can't begin to say how much Donnie has meant to Rebuilding Hope says RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson. "Faithful to God, faithful to this ministry."

"I learned so much from so many aspects of knowledge and growth," says Donnie. "The Lord's work is clearly seen in all areas of this awesome ministry. Randolph and Gail are truly servants of the Lord, and they walk the walk every day."

"I cannot express how much I miss my brothers and sisters and will continue to miss them. They will always be in my prayers."

Blessings to you, Donnie and Sunnie.



Donnie

Happy 87th Birthday, Richard Rogers



RHI volunteer Richard Rogers (seated, left) celebrates his 87th birthday on June 14 with fellow volunteers (standing, from left) Adam Paynter, Mike Jackson, Gail and Randolph Wilson, Tom Hall, Billy Ayscue and (seated) Cliff McClanahan.

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.



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.



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.

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RHI's 2021 Calendar

Dates and events are subject to change.

July

5 – RHI closed for Independence Day

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

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.