

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 volunteers who participated in SOS Special Edition from June 7-Aug. 27 replaced 11 roofs and built six wheelchair ramps. Besides their efforts, 10 area churches provided meals for the volunteers.

Our Kids Construction Camp taught Kids basic construction skills. A Bible study station helped them to build the right foundation for their lives.

Volunteers transformed a 30-foot camper into a shower trailer that can be used in disaster recovery areas. Second-floor renovations at our building at 414 Raleigh Road were completed with construction of an emergency exit and egress windows in the bunkrooms, as well as emergency and exit lights and smoke and carbon dioxide detectors.

You're invited to join our group of volunteers who each year make a difference in our communities.

"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



Gwen Matthews

Retired Teacher Is New Volunteer

Welcome, Gwendolyn Matthews.

She is RHI's newest volunteer. Originally from Raleigh, Gwen retired after 34 years of teaching English in high school, as well as at Wake Tech Community College, N.C. State, Hampton University and her alma mater, Meredith College.

"It's a warm, friendly place to volunteer," says Gwen, who is now a Henderson resident. She found RHI during

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Finishing Touches on Shower Trailer



RHI volunteer Robbie Parham puts the finishing touches on the ministry's shower trailer. Decals with the familiar logo were placed on all sides of the trailer. The 30-foot camper was converted to an eight-unit facility, which can be towed to disaster areas, improves RHI's ability to assist in disasters where only sleeping accommodations are available. Assisting Robbie are RHI volunteer Cliff McClanahan (left) and sign maker Paul Loughner. See **Before and After** photos on page 2. For information about use of the trailer please call Randolph at 252-425-5593.

Before and After



RHI logos on the front back and sides of the camper identify the ministry.

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an online search for organizations that needed volunteers.

From 9 to 3 on Fridays, she takes applications and answers the phone and questions for visitors to the ministry.

A member and teacher at A Place of Deliverance, Gwen enjoys reading in her leisure time.

RHI's need for volunteers continues. For information about how you can serve, please call 252-438-5132 or 252-425-5593.

Urgent Request for Help

Rebuilding Hope needs volunteers to answer the phone and interview people applying for help during our Monday-Friday office hours of 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Men and women are welcome and may choose a day, or even a half-day.

Volunteers will be trained in the use of the application forms and how to interview applicants.

The need is urgent. If you can help the ministry help others call Randolph or Gail at 252-438-5132 or 252-425-5593.



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

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.

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info@rebuildinghopeinc.org

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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.

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 over 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.



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While services are provided at no cost, donations from applicants are appreciated.

RHI Speakers Bureau

The Rebuilding Hope Speakers Bureau is off on 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.

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 2021 Calendar

Dates and events are subject to change.

December

24 – Christmas Eve

25 – Christmas Day

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

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.



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

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



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.

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

