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## Newsletter

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### SOS 2023 Information: Worship Speakers Announced

The dates for SOS are June 19-23. Participants will arrive and register on Monday, June 19, and depart on Saturday, June 24.



**Registration deadline.** The deadline is May 1 for registration and payment of the \$150 fee. Participants may register online at our web site.

**Other plans** will be announced as they are confirmed.

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The fee for the week covers the cost of a theme T-shirt, meals and lodging. Scholarships are available.

SOS — a week of work, worship and witness in Vance and surrounding counties — is a mission opportunity for youths who have completed sixth grade and up and adults.

#### Worship Speakers Announced

Two local pastors are scheduled to address SOS participants.

On Tuesday and Wednesday nights, participants will hear from Pastor Cade Patterson of West End Baptist Church in Henderson.

On Thursday and Friday nights, the speaker will be Pastor Ben Williams of Macon Baptist Church in Macon.



A crew at work on one of the 40 ramps volunteers have built since the year began.

### More Teams of Volunteers Help Ministry Clear Backlog

An outpouring of volunteer support since the first of the year has helped Rebuilding Hope to substantially reduce the number of requests for wheelchair ramps.

At one point, about mid-April, volunteers had built every ramp requested by Vance County residents.

At the beginning of the year, 37 applications for ramps were on file. Through mid-April, 21 applications were added. Of that total — again through mid-April — 40 ramps were built, with only six applications remaining from residents in Vance, Granville, Warren, Franklin, Halifax and Nash counties.

“We were able to put together more teams from churches and the community,” said Rebuilding Hope coordinator Randolph Wilson. “More teams means we can respond quicker to requests and people in need don’t have to wait as long.”

Teams included Rebuilding Hope volunteers, crews from churches and crews in the Volunteer Time Off program at Clayton Homes.

### 2022 Report of Ministry Activity: Volunteers Log Thousands of Hours

Rebuilding Hope volunteers worked 5,571 hours in 2022, according to an annual activity report.

The report shows that 74 ramps were built, 13 roofs were replaced and 10 other projects were completed. The numbers reflect increases over the previous year when 46 ramps were built, 12 roofs replaced and six other projects completed.

More volunteers are needed. If you, your church or group or business would like information about volunteering, see **Building Wheelchair Ramps: Answers to Your Questions** elsewhere in this newsletter.



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SMALL REPAIRS — PAGE 2**

## Volunteers Needed for Small Repair Projects



While teams of Rebuilding Hope volunteers build wheelchair ramps and replace roofs, requests for smaller and simpler repairs can't be immediately answered. The solution is teams that can spend a few hours repairing a ramp, a stoop, stairs or a door.

The projects are perfect for a men's group or a youth group. Groups can provide a much needed service. A group need not be church-affiliated to help.

The goal is to provide two projects each month to groups in the four counties served by Rebuilding Hope, Vance, Granville, Franklin and Warren.

Rebuilding Hope will provide the tools and materials for each job.

Call 252-438-5132 or 252-425-5593 and let us answer your questions and get you started.

## 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 job locations and 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](mailto:rwilson@rebuildinghopeinc.org) or call 252-438-5132 for more information or registration.



## 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.

## 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 20 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. Or Perry Faulkner of Louisburg Baptist Church, our team leader in Franklin County.



**RHI's 2023 Calendar**

Dates and events are subject to change.

**May**

- 1 – **SOS Registration Deadline**  
Registration, with \$50 deposit.  
Feb. 1-May 1, cost is \$150 per participant.
- 14 – Mother's Day
- 30 – Memorial Day – RHI Closed

**June**

- 18 — Father's Day
- 19-23 — **SOS23**

**July**

- 4 – RHI closed for Independence Day

**August**

7-9 — **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 and Roofing. There is no cost. A snack is provided mid-morning. Call or email for more information or to sign up.

**September**

- 4 — Labor Day—RHI closed.
- 29 — **Fall Fundraiser**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

**October**

No Events Scheduled

**November**

- 11 — Veteran's Day
- 22-24 — RHI closed for Thanksgiving
- 23 — Thanksgiving

**December**

- 12 — Volunteer Christmas Party
- 24 — Christmas Eve
- 25 — Christmas Day
- 25-Jan. 1 — RHI Closed

**Weekly MEN'S PRAYER Group**

Men's Prayer Group meets 7-8:30 each Thursday morning.

Coffee & Breakfast Biscuits are served. Full breakfast is served on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month. All men are welcome.

**NOTICES**

Homeowners living in homes that need repairs that they are unable to otherwise make may make application 9-3 Monday – Friday.

We accept used appliances that are in good working order and make them available at no cost to people in need.

We do not accept furniture, household items, or clothes to distribute.

**Our Monthly Newsletter**

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**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

**Our Ongoing Needs**

Prayer, Volunteers, Building Materials, Donations, Monthly Financial Support

**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 go a good start in 2023.



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 used furniture, household goods and clothing cannot be accepted.





### 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.

### 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.

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