

# Merry Christmas

*For Unto Us A Child Is Born, Unto Us A Son Is Given (Isaiah 9:6)*



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## Newsletter

December 2023

### Merry Christmas

All of us at Rebuilding Hope wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas. May this Christmas season be filled with joy and excitement as we celebrate the birthday of our Lord and Savior.



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Ministry activity reports for this year — job numbers and types, volunteer hours, etc. — are still being gathered. However, we want to share with you some of this year's building improvements and additions:

- A new metal roof and skylights were installed on the drive-through area of the warehouse to stop leaks.
- The original poplar flooring in the second-floor gathering area was refinished.
- A 6x14 freezer was installed and complements a 10x12 refrigeration unit. We store food for our projects, as well as for other ministries like ACTS and Lifeline.
- The interview area where applications are taken has fresh paint, new shelves and flooring. The foyer also has fresh paint and lighting. A new floor is being installed. A connecting hallway has fresh paint, too.

Throughout the coming year, we will share with you about our need for your help as we plan to repair our driveway and parking lot. Our fund-raising effort has begun. Please see page 2 of this newsletter for details.

*Randolph*

**Our offices will be closed Dec. 25-Jan. 1  
for Christmas and New Year's**

### West Oxford Baptist Church, Clayton Homes Build Ramps



Rebuilding Hope and volunteers continue to meet the needs of area residents for wheelchair ramps. As of the end of October, 90 ramps had been built in the counties of Vance, Granville, Warren, Franklin, Nash, Wilson, Halifax and Mecklenburg (Va.). Members of West Oxford Baptist Church (top photo) built this ramp in Granville County. A team from Clayton Homes in Oxford (bottom photo) built this ramp in Vance County. Clayton Homes assists Rebuilding Hope through the company's Volunteer Time Off program. The team has built more than 12 ramps so far this year. Rebuilding Hope welcomes partnerships with churches, businesses and other organizations as we serve our communities. See [How to Bring a Group to Rebuilding Hope](#) and [Building Wheelchair Ramps: Answers to Your Questions](#) elsewhere in this newsletter.

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## Fund-raising Campaign Begun to Repair Pavement Around Rebuilding Hope

Rebuilding Hope has begun a campaign to raise up to \$100,000 to repair the paved area around the building at 414 Raleigh Road.

Wear and tear over the years have left the 35,190-square-foot area with potholes and bare of asphalt. The resurfacing is needed to prevent damage to vehicles and allow proper drainage away from the building.

The goal is sizable, but Rebuilding Hope serves a God who is boundless and has provided richly for the ministry for over 17 years.

Thank you for considering a donation to this much-needed project.

**Tax exempt donations may be made:**

Mailed to Rebuilding Hope, 414 Raleigh Road, Henderson, N.C. 27536, or

In person at the office at 414 Raleigh Road, or Online at [rebuildinghopeinc.org](http://rebuildinghopeinc.org).



## 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 Rebuilding Hope

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 into action serving job locations and on experience and day projects or meet the needs of effort to put its faith others. We provide materials for hands-will arrange for one-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.



## 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 West End Baptist Church, our team leader for 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.

**December**

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

**Weekly Men's Prayer Group**

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.



*As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.  
Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)*

**Rebuilding Hope – 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.

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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

**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.



**RHI Speakers Bureau**

If your church or organization would like to hear more about Rebuilding Hope and our mission in our communities, we can provide a speaker through our speakers bureau.

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.



**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.