

“What a year and thank you for helping so many people in our area! Just this morning I was thinking about next summer. One day my grandchildren will be able to participate! God bless you all and Happy New Year!”

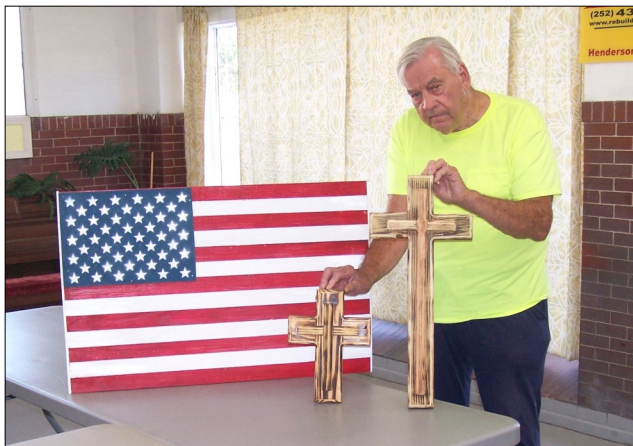
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Newsletter

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Van Splinter displays the items he makes from scrap lumber. He donates 12-inch crosses to Rebuilding Hope, whose volunteers give a cross and a Bible to residents when ramps or home repairs are complete.

Prayers, Bibles, Crosses: All Part of RHI Ministry

A little known part of Rebuilding Hope's ministry to residents begins when a wheelchair ramp or a home repair project has been completed. When volunteers have brushed the sawdust from their sleeves and put the tools away, they gather to pray with residents and present them with a Bible and a handmade cross.

"From the beginning of the ministry we've presented a Bible," Rebuilding Hope coordinator Randolph Wilson says. "The generosity of Van Splinter has added greatly to the ministry." Van makes the crosses, and, about a year ago, provided the ministry with a quantity to give away.

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RHI Partners With Freedom Life COG

Members of Freedom Life Church of God prepare to build a ramp for one of their congregation. Materials provided by Rebuilding Hope are cut in its warehouse and assembled at the job site. Pictured (from left) are Harvey Harris, Randy King and Franky Lawson, all Freedom Life members, and RHI volunteer Tom Wille.

For the First Time, RHI Works 10 Counties

For the first time in Rebuilding Hope's history, volunteers served residents in 10 counties. Five of the counties were served for the first time.

A 2023 activity report counts 144 projects that include 116 ramps, 12 roof replacements, 15 other exterior home improvements and one interior project. The number of ramps leads the categories in all counties except one.

Residents in Nash, Wilson, Edgecomb, Caswell and Mecklenburg (Va.) counties were served for the first time. Most of their projects came from two sources. The N.C. Baptist Aging Ministry asked for RHI's help, as did a Nashville ministry when its workload became too great.

A breakdown of projects and counties follows. The numbers are in this order: Ramps, Roofs, Exterior, Interior.

Vance — 49, 5, 8, 0.
Warren — 19, 1, 4, 0.
Granville — 12, 2, 0, 0.
Franklin — 12, 0, 2, 1.
Nash — 12, 2, 1, 0.
Wilson — 7, 0, 0, 0.
Halifax — 3, 0, 0, 0.
Mecklenburg (Va.) — 1, 0, 0, 0.
Edgecomb — 1, 1, 0, 0.
Caswell — 0, 1, 0, 0.

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.



Next Servants on Site Sign-up Deadline Is May 1

The last day for early bird registration for this summer's Servants on Site is Feb. 1. The fee is \$125. After that date, the registration deadline is May 1, and the fee is \$150. SOS is scheduled for June 24-28. 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.

To register or for more information, visit our web site or stop by our office. See the February entry on **2024 Servants on Site** in the calendar elsewhere in this newsletter.

Plans for this 11th year of SOS will be announced as they are confirmed. For information:

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Building Wheelchair Ramps: Answers to Your Questions

Churches, do you have groups like the one pictured above who can lend a hand and help us build wheelchair ramps? Your participation would 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**

Overyby 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 2024 Calendar

Dates and events are subject to change.

February

1 — **SERVANTS ON SITE Early Bird Special** Deadline. SOS is our summer event. Local and out-of-town groups of youths who have completed 6th grade through early college, along with their adult group leaders, are housed locally. Crews are formed. They go out Tuesday-Friday to do hands-on ministry to local homeowners. Housing, breakfast, supper and worship are at Central Baptist Church. Local churches minister to the crews and provide on-site lunch Tuesday-Friday. With registration and a \$50 deposit by Feb. 1, the cost per participant is \$125. After Feb. 1, registration with a \$50 deposit is \$150.

March

24 — Palm Sunday
 29 — Good Friday — RHI Closed
 31 — Easter

April

26 — Spring Fundraiser, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

May

1 — **SERVANTS ON SITE Registration Deadline**
 Registration, with \$50 deposit.
 Feb. 1-May 1, cost is \$150 per participant.

12 — Mother's Day
 27 — Memorial Day – RHI Closed

June

16 — Father's Day
 24-28 — **SERVANTS ON SITE (SOS24)**

July

4 & 5 — RHI Closed for Independence Day

August

5-7 — **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 midmorning. Call or email for more information or to sign up.

September

2 — Labor Day — RHI Closed.
 27 — Fall Fundraiser, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

October

No Events Scheduled

November

11 — Veteran's Day — RHI Closed
 27-29 — RHI Closed for Thanksgiving
 28 — Thanksgiving

December

10 — Volunteer Christmas Party
 23-Jan.1 — RHI Closed for Christmas & New Year's
 24 — Christmas Eve
 25 — Christmas Day
 31 — New Year's Eve

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.



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.





Crosses

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Van, retired from construction work, says he became acquainted with the ministry after Randolph spoke last year at his church, Rock Spring Baptist Church in Townsville.



In addition to the 12-inch crosses Van makes for Rebuilding Hope, he had already made a six-inch cross for each active member of his church.

Van says he gives the crosses away — as many as 500, he figures — and keeps a quantity in his truck to give away.

Van makes the crosses from scrap lumber. He also makes flags, serving trays and cutting boards, which he sells. He says all proceeds from the sales go to purchasing any extra materials he needs. He can be found on Saturdays at his roadside stand in Townsville.

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)

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 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 or call 252-438-5132 for more information or registration.



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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.

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.