

Rebuilding Hope Supports Disaster Relief in Western N.C.



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Newsletter

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Thankful for You at Thanksgiving — and Always

We come to a time of the year when we say thank you to volunteers and other supporters of the Rebuilding Hope ministry. And, as always, saying thank you never seems like enough. “Rebuilding Homes, Lives and Hearts” is our mission, a mission we couldn’t carry out without you. There is much to be thankful for this year.



The April and September barbecue chicken dinner fundraisers again brought together old friends who helped with cooking and serving. In the September fundraiser alone we sold 1,750 plates.

The familiar Servants on Site week in June — our signature project — enabled us to repair six roofs. Our Kids’ Construction Camp in August was another fun time for kids and volunteers

All through the year, our Clayton Homes partners in Oxford and Nashville helped us build or replace numerous wheelchair ramps and roofs. Our combined ministry and partnerships have built 125 ramps and completed a total of 181 projects.

Each of these activities provided opportunities for us to not only meet physical needs in our communities, but also to present the soul-saving Good News of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

“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.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Rebuilding Hope.

Randolph



A Rebuilding Hope shower trailer is checked out before its journey to Burnsville. A second shower trailer is stationed in Hendersonville. The units are available to first responders and other volunteers. See page 4.

Shower Trailers, Equipment Deployed; Ministry Collects, Delivers Donations

Responding to calls for assistance with disaster relief following Hurricane Helene on Sept. 27, Rebuilding Hope has provided equipment and other essentials to help the victims of the storm in western North Carolina. The ministry is also a collection and distribution point for donations of supplies.

Equipment

Both of RHI’s shower trailers were requested. One is on site at Crab Creek Baptist Church at Hendersonville, and the other is located at Shoal Creek Baptist Church at Burnsville. Each trailer is equipped with eight shower stalls. (For more on the shower trailers, see page 4.) Six generators were also sent to the storm area.

Rebuilding Hope donated from storage 17 single beds and mattresses. Two washing machines and a dryer recently given to the ministry were also donated.

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Rebuilding Hope has been a collection and distribution point for donations of supplies for victims of Hurricane Helene.



Building Wheelchair Ramps: Answers to Your Questions

Churches, businesses and others, 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**

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.

On-Site And Off-Site Ramp Building Keeps Volunteers Busy



A resident's need for a deck and ramp (top photo) brought Rebuilding Hope volunteers Doc Ayscue, Lane Pulliam, Philip Reams, Marshal Humphries, Tom Wille and Dave Burns to this site in Henderson in mid-October. Meanwhile, back at the warehouse (above), volunteers Morris Adcock, Charlie Flowe and Taurus Howard build components for another job.

Thanks, Fortress Wood Products



Fortress Wood Products in Henderson recently donated to the ministry 15 bundles of lumber in various sizes. Rebuilding Hope volunteers Walt Slaton and Dave Burns stack the lumber in the warehouse.



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.

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.

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.



Donate Online to Rebuilding Hope

Rebuilding Hope has added a web site feature for supporters who prefer making tax-deductible donations online. Rebuilding Hope is a non-profit corporation and is 501c(3) approved.

Visit us at www.rebuildinghopeinc.org.

Online donations may be made to:

General Ministry for daily operations.

SOS (Students on Site) to pay registration fees or to contribute to the summer mission camp.

Memorial for a remembrance or a sympathy gift.

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 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.



Our Monthly Newsletter

If you know someone who would enjoy our newsletter, let us know at info@rebuildinghopeinc.org.

We're online at Rebuildinghopeinc.org.

Follow us on **Facebook**.

Shower Trailers' First Deployment Supports Disaster Relief



Support of disaster relief efforts in western North Carolina following Hurricane Helene on Sept. 27 is the first such deployment of Rebuilding Hope's two shower trailers.

The trailers, which are converted 30-foot campers, have been in service since 2021 and have been used in support of the ministry's summer mission camp, Servants on Site.

One of the campers was purchased in 2021 and the other was donated to the ministry in 2022.

Each trailer is equipped with eight shower stalls, two sinks and a gas water heater.

The shower trailers, which can be towed with a three-quarter-ton pickup, improve RHI's ability to assist in disasters where only sleeping accommodations are available to volunteers.

For information about the shower trailers, call 252-438-5132.



Converting 30-foot campers for use as shower trailers (clockwise from top left): Stripping the interiors, framing the stalls and installing plumbing fixtures, installing gas water heaters, adding ministry decals to the sides, until the trailer is ready for deployment.

RHI's 2024 Calendar

Dates and events are subject to change.

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

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 on experience and materials for hands-on 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.



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.



This tranquil scene at Crab Creek Baptist Church near Hendersonville belies the devastation in the mountains beyond. The church was a collection point for supplies for victims of Hurricane Helene.

**Equipment
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Donations and distribution

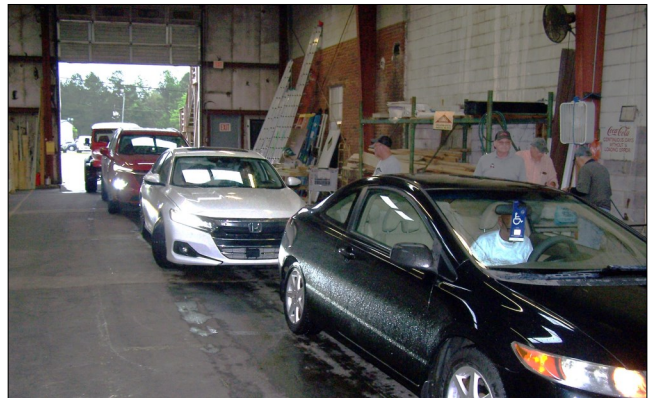
The need for donations of supplies and volunteers with trucks and trailers was posted on the Rebuilding Hope's web site and Facebook page. The needs are updated daily.

As of Oct. 18, volunteers have delivered six truckloads of supplies. Donations included hay and feed for animals.

Rebuilding Hope has also received money donations to help storm victims. The funds will be distributed as need arises.



Some of the donations of supplies collected at the Rebuilding Hope warehouse and delivered to victims of the hurricane in western North Carolina.



**Volunteers Make It Happen
In Scenes from September Fundraiser**

From cleaning cookers to bagging bread and desserts to cooking the main course, to serving supporters in their cars on a rainy day, volunteers made the Sept. 27 Barbecue Chicken Dinner Fundraiser a success. Thanks to all. About 1,750 dinners were served. The spring fundraiser is scheduled for April 25, 2025.