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## Newsletter

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### Rained Out, Iced In, Snowed Under: Use Time to Rest, Reboot, Rethink

We have blown through January. Seemingly already worn out by 2026. Rained out of work to be done, frozen beyond normal for us, spent the better part of a



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week being stalked by a turtle named Fern, and then frozen in time across a weekend. With a heavy sigh we get back to the tasks at hand, being stalked by the opportunity of another weekend of white fluffy stuff snarling our best laid plans. We could be totally irritated by these days in our personal history, after all we had things to do, places to go, people to see.

However, are we thinking about this correctly? While the precipitation and cold have slowed our perceived speed in doing good, or anything in the month of January, it has created an opportunity for all of us to do good for ourselves and for the aid of others.

Perhaps a rest and focus on God in the quiet watching of the snowfall, the quiet contemplation of looking at the assignments of the future. What does it really look like going forward? Are we still? Do we know He is God? Do the people we get to interface with know that we know He *is*, and better yet because of that do they really want to know Him?

How about new opportunities to be praying for places that aren't normally on our radar, Oxford, Mississippi, for example (aren't we glad we missed that kind of ice); people in other cities who would find peace in knowing Jesus; that hate would stop; and His peace would reign.

I encourage us all, take the time! rejoice in it! Rest in it! Look around! Hear from God, reboot, rethink, Rebuild Hope for the things we do in our Jerusalem.

My hope and prayer is that we all make it by the rest stop in good shape, and are directed correctly in the way we should go!

*Perseverance and Reward: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)*

Be Still.

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Rebuilding Hope takes delivery of a 2016 Cat forklift that replaces an aging Yale model. Pictured are (from left) RHI volunteer Cliff McClanahan, RHI co-director Tom Wille, Josh Lawson of G&W Equipment, and RHI volunteer Steve Lyles.

### Forklift Replacement Upgrades Capability at RHI Warehouse

Rebuilding Hope upgraded its equipment inventory Dec. 12 with a replacement for an aging forklift.

The purchase of a 2016 Caterpillar with 48-inch forks and a 7,000-pound lift capability was made possible with grants from the John William Pope Foundation and the Coastal Credit Union Foundation.

The new equipment replaces a late-1980s Yale that was donated to the ministry in 2006 and was the first donation as the ministry started. Parts for the old equipment are no longer available. The Yale had only a 5,000-pound lift capability and 42-inch forks.

The \$17,000 Caterpillar was purchased from G&W Equipment of Raleigh.

### Volunteers Built 158 Ramps In 11 Counties in 2025

Rebuilding Hope volunteers closed 222 requests for help in 2025. The total included job sites that were inspected but the ministry was not equipped to handle them.

Work in 2025 included 158 ramps, roofs, exterior and miscellaneous repair projects.

Volunteers helped more residents in Vance than in any of the other 10 counties served by the ministry in 2025.

A chart on page 4 details the work in each county.

### SOS Registration Deadline is May 1



Keep May 1 in mind. That's the registration deadline for Servants on Site 2026. SOS, Rebuilding Hope's signature event, is scheduled for June 22-26. The registration fee, with a \$50 deposit, is \$200. Scholarships are available.

Call us at 252-438-5132 for information, visit our website, rebuildinghopeinc.org or check us out on Facebook, www.facebook.com/hendersonsos.

**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.



**Green Thumb Wanted**

Have a green thumb and want to put it to good use? Rebuilding Hope needs a volunteer, a group of volunteers or club to maintain shrubbery and flower beds. We will furnish all materials and equipment. Call us at 252-438-5132 or 252-673-7753. Ask for Tom.



**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.



**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.

**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.

**Our Monthly Newsletter**

If you know someone who would enjoy our newsletter, let us know at

[info@rebuildinghopeinc.org](mailto:info@rebuildinghopeinc.org).

We’re online at [Rebuildinghopeinc.org](http://Rebuildinghopeinc.org).

Follow us on **Facebook**.



### 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.

### RHI's 2026 Calendar

Dates and events are subject to change.

#### February

No Events Scheduled

#### March

29 — Palm Sunday

#### April

3 — Good Friday — RHI Closed

5 — Easter

24 — **Spring Fundraiser**, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

#### May

1 — **SOS Registration Deadline**

Registration, with \$50 deposit, Jan. 16-May 1, is \$200 per participant.

10 — Mother's Day

25 — Memorial Day — RHI Closed

#### June

21 — Father's Day

22-26 — **SOS26**

#### July

3 — RHI Closed for Independence Day

#### August

3-5 — **Kids' Construction Camp**, 9 a.m.-Noon. **KCC** gives 3rd-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. Please register at [rebuildinghopeinc.org/ministries/kids-construction-camp](http://rebuildinghopeinc.org/ministries/kids-construction-camp). Call or email for more information.

#### September

7 — Labor Day — RHI Closed.

25 — **Fall Fundraiser**, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

#### October

No Events Scheduled

#### November

11 — Veteran's Day — RHI Closed

25-27 — RHI Closed for Thanksgiving

26 — Thanksgiving

#### December

7 — Volunteer Christmas Party

24-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)*



## Rebuilding Hope Volunteers — Work in 11 Counties in 2025

	Exterior	Ramp	Roof	Other	WND*	
Ashe				1		
Edgecombe		19	1			
Franklin	1	7				
Granville		15	1			
Halifax		6				
Nash		32	1			
Person		1	1			
Vance	9	50	5		27	
Wake		1				
Warren		9	3	3	11	
Wilson		18				
	10	158	13	3	38	222

\*WND — Work Not Done

### 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 [wilson@rebuildinghopeinc.org](mailto:wilson@rebuildinghopeinc.org) or call 252-438-5132 for more information or registration.



### 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.

### 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](http://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 sympathy gift or a remembrance.

### 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.

"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.