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# Newsletter

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## In Our Corner of the World, Joy in Working Together

Here in our corner of the world, we here are rocketing toward one of the busiest, most fun volunteer events of the year. We take joy in working together, grill to grill, shoulder to shoulder, to-go box to to-go box, brothers and sisters, a line of cars, eating well and smiling faces all to move Rebuilding Hope forward in serving our community in a tangible way, while sharing Christ's love. All while the world seems to be headed south quickly. Some days it seems we are trying to bail the river. The actions of the world are at best troubling, at worst depressing, and seemingly escalating for the worse at a rapid pace. While perhaps true on one hand, that is NOT what God has for us as His people devoted to His work and His glory. Now is a good time to avoid the noise of the world and find hope and encouragement through scripture and quiet.



Tom

Quiet, silence, is hard to find. Can you remember the last time you were around complete silence? Can you remember the last time you were quiet before our God and listened to Him alone without any background noise?

Examples of how this works and the rewards of it are all over the Bible narrative. Moses, Joshua, Elijah, Jesus, to name a few, show the gain of escaping the noise. Moses returns from time on the mountain with the law (Exodus 24). Joshua returns from his time alone with God with marching orders to defeat Jericho (Joshua 5:13-15). Elijah, the powerful Prophet of God retreated and was ready to quit. He returns refreshed and hopeful because he heard the wee small voice in the quiet of the desert, not in the busy fray of main street (1 Kings 19). Jesus in many places retreats to be alone in silence to refresh, talk and receive encouragement from the father. Bringing salvation to all who believe in Him.

Psalms 46:10 tells us "Be still and know that I am God". Being still and quiet in today's world is extremely hard, we must disconnect from the world. We must totally connect with God for a time.

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Themed SOS tee shirts on display at Rebuilding Hope

## Servants on Site Tee Shirt Collection on Display at Rebuilding Hope

The 2025 Servants on Site tee shirt has been added to the collection of framed themed tee shirts from previous SOS weeks. Alongside is the tee shirt for 2026 with its "Rebuilding Hope" theme. The collection is displayed at the ministry's warehouse.

Rebuilding Hope in 2013 began what has become its signature event, an opportunity for youths and adult leaders to help area residents with home repairs, all in Jesus' name.

Each shirt reflects the theme of the SOS week. In 2025, the theme was "Follow Me" from Luke 5:27-28. The 2026 theme is based on Romans 15:13.

An annual event for seven years, SOS was canceled in 2020 because of the pandemic, resuming in 2021.

The 2026 SOS is scheduled for June 22-26. For information, call 252-438-5132.

## Fall Barbecue Chicken Dinner Fundraiser



Volunteers fill cups with barbecue sauce for the Fall Barbecue Chicken Dinner Fundraiser. Among the volunteers are Bill Paine, Robbie Parham, Brad Wetherington, Skip Lewis and Morris Aycock. More photos of the Sept. 26 event on pages 4 and 5.

**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.



**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.

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A crew of Rebuilding Hope volunteers that included James Deans, Morris Aycock and Brad Wetherington (pictured above) built this deck and ramp in the Coble Boulevard area of Henderson in September.

**Tom**

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Technology can cause us to fear missing something by tuning it out for an hour. It will rob us of time better spent, putting things in God’s perspective instead of the world’s. Be still and find God’s presence! It may be two minutes to begin with and will grow with practice and patience.

We need to resist conforming to the world’s ways and choose a peaceful heart. Philippians 4:6-7 tells us “The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”. Psalm 94:19 tells us God’s consolation brings joy during times of anxiety.

This quiet time Rebuilds our own Hope. We will be refreshed to continue bringing this Hope to our community through it. God declares He has a plan for hope and a future! (Jeremiah 29:11). Thank you for supporting us as we work to Rebuild Hope in our community.

*Tom*

**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.

**RHI’s 2025 Calendar**

Dates and events are subject to change.

**October**

No Events Scheduled

**November**

- 11 — Veteran’s Day — RHI Closed
- 26-28 — RHI Closed for Thanksgiving
- 27 — Thanksgiving

**December**

- 9 — Volunteer Christmas Party
- 24-Jan.2 — 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)

**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.

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### Thanks to Area Businesses for Fall Fundraiser Support

Rebuilding Hope delivered 436 plates to 26 area businesses, including:

**SERVPRO** (top left): Damion Conley, Rose Harrison and "Bo" Iboya.

**220 Seafood Restaurant** (bottom left): Joannie Wilkerson.

**Builder's Discount Center** (above): Chuck Elliott and Josh Barton.

### Volunteers Bag Bread, Slices of Cake

Volunteers (right) included Brenda Wheeler, Effie Pernell, Gail Prather, Carolyn Wortham, Ann Howard, Phillip Reams, Linda Soles, Scott MacLean, Taurus Howard, Kathy Paine, Donna Deans, Larry Yates and Rebecca Raney.

### Filling Plates

The line of volunteers (below) filled more than 1,600 plates with chicken, green beans, barbecue sauce, bread and cake.

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Charlie Flowe and Morris Aycock man the pots of green beans and potatoes (top) while Nathan Fleming and Ralph Hutchinson (center) are among the volunteers who tend to the main course. Customers (below) find pick up easy in the drive-through.



### 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.

### 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 effort to put its faith into action serving others. We provide job locations and on experience and materials for hands-on projects for one-day projects or 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.



### 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.



### 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.