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Newsletter

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Hope Built Through Our Youth

It's reflection time here at the end of August. We have come off a busy summer of activities. SOS — ministering to the youth of service, while also serving the community. Kids Construction Camp — ministering to the group of elementary age kids, while showing them practical skills in maintenance and construction. Then the usual



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vigorous outreach into our community with the ramps, stairs and handrails thing. All designed to point people to the Hope of Christ and a Rebuilt Hope in this journey we are all on. Wow, busy, busy.

As the youth of all ages prepare for yet one more year of the scholastic grind at one level or another, most parental units waltz around the house for the week singing softly, "It's the most wonderful time of the year". My prayers and wishes go to all parents. The home-schoolers who choose not to send their kids out into the public fray but choose to keep the combat on common ground. To the parents who do send their kids out into the fray of community schools and the challenges those can bring.

As we think of these things we are reminded of our duties to the young, ours and those we are in contact with.

Training and instruction

— Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:4. Which speaks of training a child in the way he should go as well as bringing him up in that training.

Love and nurturing

— Psalm 127:3, Matthew 19:14, Ephesians 6:1. These young people our future, Heritage, do not hinder them, they belong to the kingdom. teaching them to obey their parents as they are nurtured and led properly.

Teaching them the word

— 2 Timothy 3:15, Proverbs 3:1-3. If a young person is taught the correct way, is connected to the truth, the future will be much better for everyone.

Proverbs 23:24 tells us the father of the righteous will greatly rejoice! What a reward for bringing hope to a hard world, for us and others, from the beginning and not waiting till the pain of correction can extinguish that hope.

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Plumblers get a lesson from instructor Cliff McClanahan (right) and crew chief Charlie Flowe in simple electrical repair at the Kids' Construction Camp electricity station.

Power Outage Shortens Kids' Construction Camp

A power outage on the last day of Kids' Construction Camp shortened the annual event to two days. Twenty-four youths registered for the planned Aug. 4-6 camp.

Over two days, campers in five crews learned basics in electrical and roof repairs, as well as which tools, nails and screws to use and how to safely operate power drivers and saws. A Bible study each day added to their Tools for Life.

Campers nearly completed building their birdhouse take-home project before the final day was canceled. RHI volunteers completed the project for the campers.

Campers are invited to stop by Rebuilding Hope and pick up their projects and other materials.

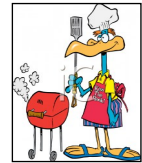
A midmorning snack each day provided a time for fellowship and getting to know one another.

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Fall Barbecue Chicken Dinner Fundraiser Returns on Sept. 26

The RHI fall Barbecue Chicken Dinner Fundraiser returns. The event is on the calendar for Friday, Sept. 26.

The \$12-a-plate dinners will be cooked and served from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at 414 Raleigh Road, the location of RHI's offices and warehouse. The familiar menu will include green beans, potatoes and dessert.



Volunteers will deliver orders for five or more plates. Call and place your order. Dinners may be picked up in the drive-through area or enjoyed in the RHI dining room.

Volunteers are needed both the day before and the day of the fundraiser.

The day before, bread and desserts are bagged and cups are filled with barbecue sauce. On fundraiser day, helping hands are needed to fill places and keep the serving line supplied.



Skip Lewis leads campers in Tools for Life. The Bible study theme was "Following Jesus, Being Changed by Jesus, Reaching Others for Jesus." Campers took home the Bibles they used at camp.

Kids' Construction Camp

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Thanks to all the volunteers who made the 2025 Kids' Construction Camp possible.

Crew leaders were Brad Wetherington, Levelers; Marshal Humphries and Charlie Flowe, Plumblers; Morris Aycok, Benchmarkers; Larry Yates, Power Drivers; and Steve Timberlake, Circuit Breakers.

Instructors were Dennis Young and Diane Clark, roof repair; Tom Wille, nails, screws and power drivers; Steve and Paula Lyles and Larry Leach, take-home project; Charles Granger, Dave Burns and Jeff Strickland, saws; Cliff McClanahan, electrical; and Skip Lewis, Bible study.

Snacks each day were served by Rachel Lindsey, Jo Sotejo and Jane McClanahan.

Each camper received a certificate of completion.

Rebuilding Hope offers Kids' Construction Camp each August. The camp is free of charge. Youths in the third to six grades are invited.

Watch the Calendar of Events for the 2026 camp.



Crew chief Marshal Humphries guides campers in the use of power drivers.



Instructor Steve Lyles (left) and crew chief Charlie Flowe oversee campers as they build their take-home project, a birdhouse.



Instructor Charles Granger teaches campers how to safely use power saws.



Instructor Dennis Young (yellow shirt), with help from James Bean, crew chief Brad Wetherington and Diane Clark, teach a lesson in roof repair.



Rebuilding Hope Hosts Chamber's Non-profit Meeting



Rebuilding Hope hosted the quarterly Non-Profit Engagement Meeting of the Henderson-Vance Chamber of Commerce on Aug. 12. Some 45 turned out for the meeting, which was followed by an opportunity to tour the ministry's offices and warehouse. Above, RHI co-director Tom Wille, visits with Major Jonathan Gainey and Major Staci Gainey of The Salvation Army. Below, ministry volunteer Walt Slaton (right) leads a tour for (from left) Patrick Newcomb of Cyberplex Tech, Gwen Williams of LifeLine Ministries, Dr. Linda Frederickson of FGV Smart Start and Gina Eaves of The Salvation Army. Rebuilding Hope is a member of the chamber and is a 501c(3) non-profit corporation.

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 sympathy gift or a remembrance.

RHI's 2025 Calendar

Dates and events are subject to change.

September

1 — Labor Day — RHI Closed.

26 — **Fall Fundraiser**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

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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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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**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.

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We have a huge amount of hope in our future when the youth know what is good, true and lovely.

We pray for all the adults and parents who lead and bless our youth. Thank you to all the parents who work with our youth to point them in the direction of the truth. Thank you to all the youth workers (school teachers included) who point the youth to Christ — the Truth, and our only hope.

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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 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.

Scraps to Treasures

For Sale at Rebuilding Hope

The items shown here were made from the Scraps of lumber left from the building of ramps, steps and decks.
The Treasures are available for sale Monday-Friday at the Rebuilding Hope office at 414 Raleigh Road.

SEE THE DISPLAY TABLE AT OUR SEPT. 26 BARBECUE CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER.

**CROSSES CANDLE HOLDERS PLANTERS
PLANT STANDS BENCHES and MORE**
All items are not immediately available, but may be ordered.

