"The kindness of your workers will never be forgotten. Bless you all, for sure."

— A Friend of Rebuilding Hope

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Newsletter

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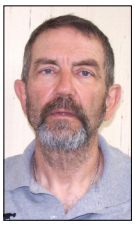
The Question of Looming Deadlines

So here I sit in front of a screen with the deadline of the Newsletter bearing down on me loud and clear – I can hear the steadfast editor coming down the hall like the bow wave of a great ship about to run me over.



Tom

A question looms in the fog of life. Here's the question: Can a person cross a deadline return *spiritually*? Can you so stubbornly, arrogantly sin against God that He will give up on you? The answer is yes. You can.

Proverbs 29:1 is a terrifying verse: One who becomes stiff-necked, after many reprimands will be shattered instantly — beyond recovery.

The deadline approaches in a very real way for all of us. Can we just sit around, make no decision ourselves, or just stand around, do nothing while others do not understand this?

You say, "But God is a God of infinite love." Yes, He's a God of love, but that's only part of the truth. Partial truth is an untruth. God reaches out numerous times to get our attention. We are often reproved. Nobody leaves this earth unloved, unwarned, or un-convicted. No one can accuse God of that.

God strives with us, knocks on our heart's door, reproves us, calls to us over and over. If God stopped with just one warning, He would be showing us great mercy. God speaks through His Holy Spirit. Jesus Himself said in John 16:13, "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. For he will not speak on his own, but he will speak whatever he hears. He will also declare to you what is to come."

The Holy Spirit speaks to our spirit, convicting our hearts. One of His roles is to warn us. Perhaps you've been going about your day when you feel the Spirit of

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Church Men's Day Service Welcomes Rebuilding Hope

Rebuilding Hope co-director Tom Wille (right) was guest speaker Feb. 8 for the Men's Day service at Warrenton Baptist Church. The service honors all the men of the church. With RHI as an example, Tom's message centered on what love looks like. His texts were Gal. 5:13 and 1 John 3-4. Pictured with Tom are David Gardner and Bobby Edmonds, men of the church who organized the service.

In Memoriam Richard Rogers

Samuel Richard Rogers of Henderson, a longtime Rebuilding Hope volunteer, passed away Friday, Feb. 6, 2026, at the VA Medical Center in Durham. He was 91.

A volunteer for over a decade, Richard helped build wheelchair ramps, assisted in the warehouse and prepared meals. He once said he had "done a little bit of everything. It's a good ministry to help the needy. You do work for people and minister to them at the same time."

He was preceded in death by Nelliegrey, his wife of 65 years; a brother, Eugene C. Rogers Jr.; and three sisters, Ruth R. Romania, Helen R. Allen and Ann R. Robertson.

Richard is survived by his sons, Tim Rogers (Kathy) of Oxford and Marc Rogers (Mary) of Henderson; a daughter, Laura Ann R. Parham (James) of Henderson; and grandsons, Joshua Rogers (Dina) of Memphis and Samuel Parham of Henderson.

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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.

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

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.

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.

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**.

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 **Morris Aycock** of Norlina Methodist Church. Or **Perry Faulkner** of Louisburg Baptist Church, our team leader in Franklin County. In Nash and Wilson counties, contact **Billy Layton** of Momeyer Baptist Church.

RHI's 2026 Calendar

Dates and events are subject to change.

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. 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)

In Memoriam
Richard Rogers

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A funeral was conducted Feb. 13 at New Sandy Creek Baptist Church by Dr. Steven Brown and the Rev. Tim Burgess. Burial with military and fireman honors followed in the church cemetery.

Members of the Henderson Fire Department served as pallbearers.

Richard was a U.S. Navy veteran and formerly served in the National Guard; he was a member of the American Legion Post #60 of Henderson. After the Navy, he joined the Henderson Fire Department, served for 38 years and retired as the assistant chief.

Richard was a longtime volunteer at Rebuilding Hope. He was a lifelong member of New Sandy Creek Baptist Church where he served many years as a deacon and choir member. In 2019 he was awarded the "Life Deacon Award" by the church for his outstanding ministry and service to the church.

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.

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.

Tom

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God speaking to you. Even an unsaved person feels the Holy Spirit's tug, knowing hr's a sinner, doing wrong, needing to be saved. God's Holy Spirit is gently but strongly speaking.

We see that God speaks to us and others through sickness (Psalm 119:67). He uses this to tell us how temporal life is. Sickness brings our thoughts into focus. We realize we're not going to be on this earth forever. Sometimes He speaks through our sorrow, the loss of a loved one, the need of a loved one.

Whether you're saved or lost, God speaks through His goodness (Romans 2:4), by something as simple as a baby's smile, the beauty of a flower, the glory of a sunset. The use of a newly constructed handrail or ramp. A roof that does not leak. God speaks through his servants, a gospel message delivered during an act of kindness. God sending the message through a special messenger in an act of love.

God reproves everyone of us. He loved us first. He loved us too much to let us leave here without being warned. Everyone has the opportunity to be spoken to by the Holy Spirit, over and over again. Are you the messenger called to rebuild someone's hope by committing an act of kindness? Are you the messenger called to encourage the messenger by supporting those in the harvest field?

Come help us deliver the Message of Hope to our community!

Tom

Scripture references are from the Christian Standard Bible (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020)

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.

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.