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Newsletter

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20 Years — Not Just A Number But A Continued Call to Ministry

Sitting here pondering what happened to July and August, I am still living back in June. This is just the last two months, let alone 20 years worth of time. It is funny how things seem to unroll faster toward the end of the roll than in the beginning. It's even more amazing that 20 years have flown by in Rebuilding Hope land.



Tom

My memories from just 13 years ago working with the teens at a D-now event in a house with termite issues is a vividly remote memory. What must it seem like to the few who have been here from the beginning? The coworkers in Christ who have come and gone, the new brothers and sisters who still remain steadfast to the vision of Rebuilding Hope in our Jerusalem.

We realize the number 20 in Scripture often symbolizes a full, complete period (twice ten) and can represent a time of testing, preparation, or transition. In these cases, it is tied to service, oppression, deliverance, leadership, or spiritual renewal, and transition.

One of the most famous examples of 20 years of service is Jacob's 20 years of labor for his uncle Laban

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Rebuilding Hope director Tom Wille — alongside ministry founders Randolph and Gail Wilson — prepares to cut the ribbon to commemorate the ministry's 20th anniversary. Ministry leaders, volunteers and friends celebrated the milestone. The Henderson-Vance Chamber of Commerce is sponsor of the ribbon-cutting.

2006-2026 — Rebuilding Hope Celebrates 20 Years of Ministry

Rebuilding Hope's leaders, volunteers and friends celebrated the ministry's 20th anniversary Aug. 26 with a reception and ribbon-cutting.

The ribbon-cutting, sponsored by the Henderson-Vance Chamber of Commerce, commemorated the anniversary.

Rebuilding Hope was founded in 2006 when Randolph and Gail Wilson met with a group of members of area churches. From that group, the first board of directors was chosen. The board gave the ministry its name and chose the truss as its logo.

Since its beginning in Vance County, Rebuilding Hope has provided residents in 11 counties with wheelchair ramps, new roofs and other home repairs.

In 2013 the ministry established its signature event, Servants on Site (SOS), which has brought hundreds of youths to the area for a week of replacing roofs and completing other home repairs for those who could not otherwise afford to pay for the work.

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Rebuilding Hope director Tom Wille (standing, right) remarks on Rebuilding Hope's 20 years of ministry.

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.



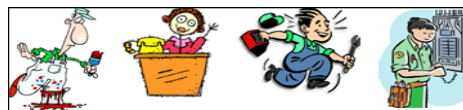
RHI Speakers Bureau

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.



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.

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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 **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.

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)*

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.



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Fall Barbecue Chicken Dinner Fundraiser Returns on Sept. 25

The RHI fall Barbecue Chicken Dinner Fundraiser returns. The event is on the calendar for Friday, Sept. 25.

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 plates and keep the serving line supplied.



Ramp in Williamsboro

Rebuilding Hope volunteers Brad Weatherington, Morris Aycock and James Bean present a Bible and cross to Jerelene Quintchett after building this ramp at her home in the Williamsboro community.



Kids' Construction Camp instructors Morris Aycock (left) and James Deans guide campers in the use of power tools, screws and nails. The camp, an annual event at Rebuilding Hope, hosted 21 campers Aug. 3-5.

Kids' Construction Camp Teaches Basic Skills, Safety

Rebuilding Hope's Kids' Construction Camp brought 21 youngsters together Aug. 3-5. Campers in six crews learned basics in electrical, plumbing and roof repairs, as well as which tools, nails and screws to use and how to safely operate power drivers and saws.

Campers built a birdhouse for a take-home project. A Bible study each day, "Jesus Is the Only Sure Foundation," added to their Tools for Life.

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

Thanks to all the volunteers who made the 2026 Kids' Construction Camp possible.

Crew leaders were Brad and Mary Weatherington, Levelers; William Burnette, Plumb Liners; Charlie Flowe, Benchmarkers; Marshall Humphries, Circuit Breakers; Bruce and Debbie Goldsmith, Power Drivers; and Eddie Allgood and Allan Adcock, Chalk Liners.

Instructors included Dennis and Diane Young, roof repair; Cliff McClanahan, electrical and plumbing; Tom and Ceci Wille, take-home project; Jason Abbott and Dave Burns, saws; Morris Aycock and James Deans, nails, screws and power drivers; and Skip Lewis, Bible study.

Each camper received a certificate of completion.

Rebuilding Hope offers Kids' Construction Camp each August. The camp is free of charge. Youths in the 2nd-6th grades are invited to attend.

Watch the Calendar of Events for the 2027 camp.

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Kids' Construction Camp

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Photos (left to right) show campers at the various stations. First, instructor Skip Lewis leads the daily Bible study, "Jesus Is the Only Sure Foundation." At the electricity and plumbing station instructor Cliff McClanahan and crew leader William Burnette gather the crew.

Next left, instructors Tom and Ceci Wille and crew leader Brad Weatherington help campers build a birdhouse, the 2026 take-home project. Instructors Dennis and Diane Young and crew leader Eddie Allgood guide campers through roof repair.

Next left, instructors Jason Abbott and Dave Burns teach the safe use of power saws, including this metal chop saw.

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.

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.

Tom

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(Genesis 31:38–41). Jacob first worked for Laban's daughters, Rachel and Leah, then another six years for Laban's flock, totaling 20 years. During this time, Jacob's family grew and his wealth increased. God later commanded him to return to his own land (Genesis 31:3–4). So, the question from this example of 20 years is what now? What is the continued call of this ministry?

In Judges 4:3, we see the Israelites were oppressed by Jabin, king of Canaan, for 20 years. This period of suffering ended when God raised up Deborah, a prophetess and judge, and Barak to deliver them. Perhaps we can see God-ordained revival in our area of service through our continued work.

Judges 15:20 records that Samson "judged Israel for 20 years" during the time of the Philistines. His leadership was marked by extraordinary strength and deliverance, ending with his death and the destruction of the Philistine temple. Victory in perseverance; we must stay the course as battle against hopelessness rages around us. God gives victory.

After the Philistines returned the Ark of the Covenant, the Ark stayed in Kiriath-jearim for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:2). This period was one of lament and longing for God, preparing the people for Samuel's call to repentance. Is now the time that we as a people group are to repent in order to heal our land?

Second Chronicles 8:1 notes that after 20 years of building the Temple and his palace, Solomon began other projects. This "20 years" marks a major phase in Solomon's reign. Here is a good question – what other things are we called to as God's people and his work for the next 20?

These "twenty years" moments show that in the Bible, a 20-year span is not just a number — it's a marker for significant divine intervention, personal transformation, or historical change. We must continue on to the next 20 years praying and working for significant divine intervention, personal transformation and historical change in our area for all the people, in the form of Rebuilt Hope and awareness of God's work for all!

In Christ Alone,

Tom

Tom Wille, Director
Rebuilding Hope Inc.



Previous owners of the Coca-Cola Bottling property that Rebuilding Hope calls home visit during the ministry's 20th anniversary celebration. Donald Seifert (left), alongside his wife Betsy, sold the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Henderson property in 1991 to the Durham Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Durham, whose chairman and president is M. Hager Rand (right). The Durham company eventually moved bottling operations to Durham and used the Henderson location as a repair and storage site. Rebuilding Hope purchased the 1.9-acre, two building property in 2016 and began operating at the site in 2017. Mrs. Seifert holds a print of a painting of the building which was presented to her by ministry volunteer Steve Lyles.

20th Anniversary

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The ministry has operated from two locations, North Oliver Drive for the first 10 years and 414 Raleigh Road from 2017 to present.

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