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Newsletter

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*Blessed is the nation whose
God is the Lord.*

Psalm 33:12 (NIV)



Building Wheelchair Ramps: Answers to Your Questions

Churches, do you have groups – like the one pictured above -- who can lend a hand and help us build wheelchair ramps? Your participation would help reduce a backlog of more than 30 requests – and 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

Lunch for Crossroads Christian Staff



Rebuilding Hope each spring honors staff members at Crossroads Christian School with a luncheon as they conclude the year. RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson (left, top photo) and volunteer Dave Burns serve up barbecue chicken, potatoes, green beans, rolls and pie. Crossroads headmaster Jonathan Capps (right, lower photo) and Randolph join staff members in the library.

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 the RHI office at 252-438-5132.

If you can help, we'll put you in touch with Bill Overby of Enterprise Baptist Church, our team leader in Warren County. Or Steve Timberlake of Oxford Baptist Church, our team leader in Granville County. Or, in Vance County, Steve Lyles of Raleigh Road Baptist Church, Vann Wester of New Sandy Creek Baptist Church, or Cliff McClanahan of Central Baptist Church.

First Baptist in Butner Partners with RHI



Members of First Baptist Church in Butner partnered with RHI June 11-13 to build two wheelchair ramps in Henderson. Pictured (from left) are Jimmy Walker, Cliff Champion, Chandler Wynne, Bill Slaughter, Bridget Wilkins, Sutton Tuck and Lester Pearce. The team helped RHI reduce its backlog of requests for ramps.

How to Bring a Group to RHI

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.



RHI – 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 RHI provides services at no cost, donations from applicants are appreciated.

RHI Partners with School of Excellence for 31st Annual Session

Rebuilding Hope helped county schools on June 11 to kick off their 31st year of the School of Excellence with two community service projects.

The School of Excellence, begun in 1987, is a five-day leadership program for rising 10th graders who are residents of Vance County and top academic achievers in their classes. Students come from the county's three high schools, two charter schools, Crossroads Christian School and Kerr-Vance Academy.

For their projects, the students built a stoop and steps at one home and raised and extended a wheelchair ramp at another.

On subsequent days, students learned team-building; visited five industries in the county; learned more about Vance-Granville

Community College, visited local government and law enforcement offices and toured McGregor Hall; and, at the community college, participated in a closing ceremony.

Volunteer Spotlight

After 38 years in banking, Fern Ellington offered her considerable skills to Rebuilding Hope. Today, she volunteers two days a week in the office where she posts information about donations and accounts payable into a computer bookkeeping system.



Fern

With 22 years of service, Fern is a member of West End Baptist Church and a member of the choir who says her

involvement with RHI started before her retirement in 2014.

About five years ago, the bank branch manager and her staff volunteered in a community service project sponsored by RHI.

“I met people who benefitted from RHI’s work,” says the Vance County native. “I see the value of having an organization like this in our community.”

Of her work at RHI, Fern says that “it lets me continue with the things I know how to do. I like interacting with the public. It’s a very pleasant environment.”

Fern, who chairs the board of the YMCA where she’s a 20-year member, says, “I support things in our community that are positive.”

An avid walker, Fern has two grown children and a grandson, all of whom live in Vance County.

RHI Volunteer Back from Mission Trip

RHI volunteer Steve Cannon, a member of New Sandy Creek Baptist Church, recently returned from a mission trip to Ecuador.

With two other members of his church and a member of North Henderson Baptist Church, the team began discipling a family in order to plant a church in El Corazon.

Teams from the two churches answered a call from the International Mission Board of the

SBC five years ago to adopt an area and plant a church. Since then, the teams have travelled to El Corazon witnessing the love of Christ and searching for someone to lead a church.

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 cannot be accepted.

RHI does not have used furniture and cannot accept household goods or clothing.

Tentative 2018 Calendar

July

4 - RHI Closed for Independence Day

August

6-8 - Kids’ Construction Camp – 9 a.m.-noon
KCC gives second-sixth graders hands-on experiences with basic construction skills as they rotate through stations such as Hammer & Nails, Electrical & Plumbing, Block Laying and a Take-home Building Project. Registration forms are available at www.rebuildinghopeinc.org.

September

3 - Labor Day – RHI Closed
28 - Fall Fundraiser – 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

October

19-20 - 8th Annual Men’s Ministry Weekend
On Friday evening of our Men’s Ministry Weekend, men and boys will gather for a meal, at no cost, and a worship service at a local church. On Saturday morning they will gather at Rebuilding Hope to make up teams and receive assignments for hands-on projects in our communities.

November

21 - RHI Closed
22 - Thanksgiving – RHI Closed
23 - RHI Closed

December

24-28 – RHI Closed
31 – New Year’s Eve – RHI Closed

Weekly Men's Prayer Group

*As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens another.*

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

You're invited to our weekly men's prayer group on Thursday mornings at 7 o'clock. A light breakfast is served. A full breakfast is served on the first Thursday. Join us for a time of prayer and Christian fellowship.

Equipment Available for Check-out

RHI has equipment 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. The following equipment is available:

Mobile kitchen – Stove, griddle, snow cone, cotton candy and popcorn machines.

2 tool trailers – Equipped with all tools needed to build a wheelchair ramp.

Game trailer – Game trailer with all kinds of games to use for outreach.

Areas Where You Can Serve

AC/Heating Accounting
Carpentry/Framing and Finishing
Carpet/Vinyl Installation
Cleaning Computer Cooking
Doors Drafting Drywall
Electrical Evangelism Internet
Office Organization
Painting Plumbing Ramps
Reception Roofing Siding
Secretarial Telephone Windows
Welding/Sheet Metal Writing

Our Ongoing Needs

Prayer, Volunteers, Building Materials,
Donations, Monthly Financial Support

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.