



Jim, Josh, and Tom at the shop in Dalton

Be prepared in season and out of season. 2 Timothy 4:2

This time of year is a combination of experience and preparation. As we are entering our 19th year of ministry at Rebuilding Hope, you notice those recurring themes that happen in the winter months. The importance of maintenance, training and preparation. The other necessity is developing the ability to mobilize quickly in response to a disaster. For the team at Rebuilding Hope, the first three months of 2026 has been a mixture of both training and mobilization.

January

January began with the team presenting a new type of training. Preparing our volunteers to provide a ministry of presence for survivors of a disaster. Tom facilitated our CARE in Crisis training which was presented in a six-week small group format. 20 volunteers completed the training. Special thanks to Church of the Highlands in Birmingham and Silverdale Baptist Church in Chattanooga. We couldn't have done this without your assistance!



February

In response to the devastation of Ice Storm Fern, our team deployed to Nashville for three weeks, providing hands-on relief and encouragement to affected families. Special thanks to Parish Presbyterian Church in Franklin, TN for serving as our host during our relief efforts. Closer to home, our team was able to build a wheelchair ramp for a family in Rossville, GA restoring not only access, but dignity. We also celebrated the completion of our CARE in Crisis Training, equipping our volunteers to provide practical assistance during a disaster while also carrying the presence and hope of Jesus to those who are hurting.



March

This month saw us responding to both immediate and long-term needs. After storms in early March, our team cleared fallen trees from homes in Ringgold and Rossville, GA. Then, the team spent a week in Mountain City, TN in partnership with Inspiritus to assist with Hurricane Helene recovery/rebuild efforts. We led a team of college students from Michigan State University. We helped three families still needing assistance 18 months after the storm. We also strengthened our volunteer base through Skid Steer and Field Assessor Training. We have a special thanks to our friends at God's Pit Crew. They provided us with 12 pallets of water, Gatorade, and Blessing Buckets. This helps us be better prepared to respond quickly to those in need in here in our community when the next disaster strikes locally.



You'll notice that we assisted a couple of families by building wheel chair ramps. Yes, we have done them in the past. Yes, we are moving away from that phase of the ministry. Yes, it is our Heart of Compassion that compels us to assist in moments like that - if we have the time, the resources and, most importantly, we are not providing relief and recovery efforts in response to a disaster.

Because when a disaster happens there are towns affected that don't make the headlines. Lives are turned upside down in communities that are often overlooked. We help these families by showing them Christ's love in a practical way. We remove trees, clear away debris and clean up the mess. That is our passion and our ministry focus at Rebuilding Hope: Disaster Relief and Recovery.

None of this ministry happens without your faithful partnership.

Thank you for believing in, praying for, volunteering with, and financially supporting this ministry. Together we are the Hands of Hope, Feet of Faith, and Heart of Compassion that hurting people need in the aftermath of a storm.

We are blessed beyond measure and extremely grateful for you!

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