

# THE BLESSING BULLETIN

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## PRAISE THE LORD!

March 1<sup>st</sup> is an important day for me. It's my birthday but it also marks one year of living in this rented home. With continued construction projects on Okaloosa Island, it is evident that this is where I am to remain for now. I have renewed my lease for another year. Praise God with me for His provision of a house less than one mile away from the beautiful beaches of the Emerald Coast! He continues to guide me every step of the way. Praise Him!!

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## GUEST SURVEYS

After each visit, guests are given the opportunity to fill out a brief survey. Some fill it out and some do not. This new ministry requires that I honor privacy above all. For this reason, you probably won't see many pictures or hear many details. However, lives are being impacted in big ways. So, with permission, I am sharing what two recent guests said about the Blessing.

"My host Wendy was great and went above and beyond to be a welcoming presence! She gave me rides to/from the airport, drove me around town, took me to see some tourist highlights, and prepared a beautiful and restful space to stay. It was a perfect location for a nice getaway spot too and felt very safe. I greatly benefited from her debriefing skills and the time she took to hold my story and unpack it further. This was exactly what I needed and have been seeking out for a long time now! I feel better able to continue in ministry."

"I had the opportunity to get away from my regular responsibilities and spend time with the Lord and start planning my fundraising strategy for the next year or two. Wendy Hinzman was an encouragement and blessing from the moment that I arrived. The room and home was set up in a way that was both peaceful and refreshing – from a welcome gift to homemade cookies and dinner. Everything she did was a blessing! The welcome bag and book gift were unexpected treats. The guest bathroom was stocked with all sorts of items someone might forget (and I ended up needing a couple of things). The layout of the kitchen was simple and even drinks in the fridge and snacks were available. I appreciated the pre-visit video call to help familiarize the two of us with one another."

## THANK YOU TO THE BLESSING TEAM!!

Without your faithful partnership, none of this would be possible! Though I am the physical face of the Blessing, this truly is a team effort. Whether hosting, leading online Bible studies, contacting guests in advance, cleaning, doing laundry, purchasing supplies, cooking, or praying before, during, and after guest stays, this ministry requires all my time and energy. My availability to guests 24/7 is because of you. We are expanding the Blessing team. Would you like to join us? It's as simple as clicking on the link below <https://www.avantministries.org/give>. Please enter Wendy Hinzman in the "missionary name" box. Thank you!!