

# THE BLESSING BULLETIN

March 24, 2025

## SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you so much to the Raymond Baptist Church Family! Your generosity made it possible to furnish most of the house. Thank you also to another ministry partner (who wishes to remain anonymous) who made it possible to complete the rest of the house. It was so wonderful to be able to buy all the items that make a house a home. I can't wait to welcome guests to the oasis that you made possible. Thank you!

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## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Move over balloons and birthday cake, this year's celebration included A PACKAGE THAT WAS WAY TOO BIG TO WRAP! So big, in fact, that it covered over 1700 square feet. My birthday coincided with the beginning of my year-long lease of a townhouse for the Blessing. The actual day was a bit of a blur that included cleaning, putting together furniture, and shopping for items for my new home.

To be honest, the first half of March was a bit of a blur. My mom, my aunt, and I worked nonstop until I dropped them off at the airport in the early hours of March 12<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to their hard work, the house is almost ready to receive guests.

## PAPERWORK OVERLOAD

I truly had no idea about the amount of paperwork that would be required when moving from one state to another. I still have several documents that need to be transferred from WV to FL. However, I believe that I am finally seeing a light at the end of the tunnel.

In addition to the legal paperwork, I am working on paperwork related to opening my oasis, the Blessing. Intake forms, a presence on the ORI website, and final touches to the guest quarters are also keeping me busy. I am excited to announce the official opening date for the Blessing. Check out the paragraph below!

## DRUMROLL PLEASE . . .

Mark your calendars for THE FIRST OF MAY! In just 36 days, THE BLESSING WILL BE OPENING ITS DOORS to guests. Please begin praying now for those first guests. I would especially appreciate your prayers that I would be ready physically, emotionally, mentally, and most importantly, spiritually, to receive them.

I am so grateful to each member of the Blessing team! None of this would be possible without you. It is an honor to lead and represent each one of you as the host of the Blessing.

## NEXT TIME . . . PICTURES OF THE BLESSING!!