

OVERVIEW

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Timeline	November 2024 - Launch the Blessing
	May 2025 - Open the Blessing to guests
Background	During Wendy's 24 years of service in France, she witnessed the mass exodus of colleagues. God gave her a vision to offer a safe space where global workers can rest, reconnect, and recharge. Wendy is a trained life and mental health coach. Her many years of experience give her a unique perspective and ability to relate to the Blessing guests.
Objectives	RETREATENCOURAGEMENTSAFETYTRANSFORMATION
Target Audience	Global workers sharing Jesus with the world

PROJECT SPECIFICS

Project Scope	The Blessing will offer global workers a place to experience REST. Though stays will vary in length, the average stay will be 5 to 7 days. Each stay will be tailored to the needs of the guest(s).
Project Constraints	The desire to offer this service free of charge means that there is a need for funding to rent and operate the facility that will house the guests. In order to care well for guests, additional financial partners are needed.
Explorations & Decisions	Global workers experience unique challenges. Their average stress score is three times higher than the level considered dangerous. More than 80% say that they are near burnout. It isn't surprising that nearly 50% leave within the first five years. The need for REST is great but the majority do not take time to rest. Most cite lack of funds as the reason. This led to the decision to make this service free.
Project Outcomes	The ultimate goal is changed lives. Wendy's desire is that each guest leave encouraged and ready to face the challenges ahead. The Blessing will not only impact the guest but their entire circle of influence. That ripple effect ultimately impacts the world.
Agencies	Wendy joined Avant Ministries in July 1993. They continue to be her sending agency. For more information about Avant Ministries, you can check out their website. www.avantministries.org. Wendy's partnership with Oasis Rest International became official in March 2023. For more information about ORI, you can consult their website, www.oasisrest.org.
Partnership Opportunity	Please consider joining the Blessing team. We are currently in need of both monthly pledges and special gifts. You can donate by going to www.avantministries.org/give or sending your donation to Avant Ministries. Their address is 10000 North Oak Trafficway Kansas City, MO 64155. Please indicate that your gift is for Wendy Hinzman/The Blessing. You will receive a tax-deductible receipt for your generous contribution.