## Solitude Place, Rutherfordton, NC

Currently, we provide free counseling and encouragement to our local community at the office and through the Internet or by phone to those outside our area. We also rent an apartment in North Carolina where God's servants can come for a sabbatical, some physical rest, and encouragement at no cost to themselves. Laurie and I have been counseling and encouraging folks for over 35 years in ministry together. In addition, we utilize homes and/or guest quarters that our ministry partners own in different states to accommodate leaders.

Our ultimate vision for Solitude Place is to be a retreat center where pastors, chaplains, missionaries, ministry leaders, and Christian business owners can come for respite and encouragement, at no cost.

We all know a hiker stops along the way to rest so he can continue along his journey feeling refreshed to complete his trek. These homes provide a place to stop for the weary. However; many ministry leaders fail to stop and spend time with their family and Lord.

In fact, research shows that some of the biggest reasons that pastors burnout in ministry is due to the lack of vacation/sabbatical rest, little or no physical exercise, no effective way to deal with critics, lack of daily time in the Scriptures, poor relational/leadership skills, the neglect of family, loneliness while leading, and the inability to say no to requests.

We provide a place where folks can come to **REST**, be **REFRESHED** and **RECONNECT** in all of those relationships! **You** can help by praying, becoming a monthly financial partner, and sharing about Solitude place with your friends. With God's help there are no limits!

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