

Master's Men Operation Saturation Mission Trips

Hawaii 2004

Most times when you think of a mission trip you think of building or renovating a building. Some may think of a great revival or some type of evangelistic outreach. Well we didn't do any of that. All we did was pray. WHAT? ALL YOU DID WAS PRAY!

Let me explain. Back in January of 2004 my wife and I attended FWB Foreign Missions Prayer Summit. One of the topics was having a prayer walk. I was almost hesitant to tell people, but I felt God telling me to go to Hawaii. Stop laughing! I know the young pastor and his family. Bro. Kenny Reiter, his wife Melinda and their two teenage children Krystal and Karl had only been there a few months. I contacted Bro. Kenny and shared with him what I had felt God had given me. He didn't laugh. I could hear in his voice the excitement. He told me he felt this might be just what his people needed. We agreed to let him pray about it and discuss it with his church. The following Monday he called me early to tell me the church could not believe someone wanted to come there just to help them. They said many people pass their way while they are there on vacation, but no one has ever come just for them.

We worked all the details and put our team together. There was a couple from Illinois another from Missouri, and another from Arkansas. A pastor from Oklahoma and a man from Ohio. Then there was a Home Missions staff member and his wife. Finally it was my wife and myself. When we arrived at the church we were greeted with flower leis and big smiles. There would be many of both during our stay there. Each day we would join the church members for Bible study in the pastors living room. Then we would do our prayer walks. We walked the neighborhoods around the church and prayed for the church, the people of the church and the people around the church. We noticed different things as we walked. Some yards were manicured to the point we saw people with tweezers pulling out unwanted grass. Others had cars up on blocks. Some yards had bottles of holy water by the curb to keep evil spirits away. Many of the people of the church joined us. Most of the young people were out of school so they walked also.

We also had time to take in some of the sights. We, well most, climbed to the top of Diamond Head. We were almost blown away by the high winds at Pali Lookout. Some took time to parasail while others walked along the beach. The church provided many treats including a delicious native food dinner Saturday night.

There were many great things accomplished during this trip. But the one that seems to stand out the most was the encouragement to the people there and the team members that went. The team was in agreement that the best part of our trip was the people of Waipahu Free Will Baptist Church. Thanks to Bro. Kenny and his family and all the wonderful people there.

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