the Pastor's Corner

Beautiful, Yet Not

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9

I have just returned from Hawaii where I conducted an evangelistic series for three weeks on the main island of Oahu. I must admit that it was an intense three weeks for me as most of the time I spent on preparation and preaching. Nevertheless, it was a good challenge for me as the Lord saw my inadequacies and He came through by moving the hearts of people in attendance. As a result 32 people gave their lives to the Lord and were baptized. At that moment, all of the late nights and pressure of the campaign paid off. It's always a great feeling of joy for me to see these people give their lives to the Lord.

The weather was great: temperatures were in the mid 70s the entire three weeks. The church family accommodated us and fed my evangelical team for the entire three weeks. Then on the final weekend, Jennifer and I spent the time together at a beautiful hotel overlooking the Pacific Ocean. A long time friend of mine attended the meetings and was so inspired that he decided to do something special for Jennifer and I, so he offered to pay for the hotel room…praise the Lord, 'cause that was one hotel I could not afford. The view from the porch of our hotel room was postcard picturesque. I would wake up early in the morning, gaze at nature's beauty and just marvel over the greatness of the creator. While I stood there one morning, this text came to me as I started to wonder at what God has in store for us in the new earth. I could hear Paul saying to me, "You think that hotel room view is beautiful? Wait till you see what God has waiting for you!" I truly believe we have no idea and that we don't really know the true meaning of the word beautiful until we see the new earth.

Isn't it great to know that God still has some well kept secrets for us to discover? I can't wait to see what He has planned for us!

~ by Pastor Fred Toailoa