

## Jewish Roots Appreciation Sunday

Palm Sunday morning at NCF, April 5, was known in a different light. It was a Jewish Roots Appreciation Sunday, dedicated to the congregation's realization of the church's awareness and concern towards God's chosen nation, Israel.

It also was an inter-church fellowship between NCF Main, and its satellites in Banaba and Green Valley. A special guest for the special Sunday was present: Pastor Rob Schneider and his wife, Pastor Marty.



Pastor Rob was raised as a pure Jew in strict orthodox tradition but became a born-again Christian some 30 years ago. As the whole of Christendom knows it, every Jew who acknowledges that Jesus is the Messiah is a Messianic Jew. The Saturday before Holy Week also saw a dinner with some of the members of NCF, with Pastor Rob praying with them for physical and emotional healing, and deliverance.



The morning's praise-and-worship segment began in earnest, and the song line-up consisted of a medley of Hebrew and English worship songs. Leading the congregation in singing were Pastor Andrew Fajardo and Sis. Gigi Dantes. Backing up the band were singers and dancers, with little children clad in white, every satellite church duly represented. The Hebrew songs were highly appreciated by the Jewish visitors, and they took it as yet another gesture of warm welcome for which they

greatly expressed their gratitude.

Shortly after the singing were the special numbers, the first of them being that of the new members and trainees of the Dance Ministry, along with their mentors. Clad in black and red, they danced with the tambourine in the style of Messianic dances, after which the dedication and installation of the new dancers commenced.



Another number was the percussion demonstration from NCF's instrumentalists, which was what they call a "sneak peek" into the upcoming 2009 Summer Camp this April.

Before the guest speaker, the congregation also bore witness to the testimony of Bob Guzman, former star and member of the late 70's band "The Boyfriends". The testimony served as a lesson not only about salvation but also with Christian service and humility, as he narrated his



Christian life story from getting saved to grappling with the “humbling process” of serving God from cleaning work to instrumentation to being a director of an entire group.

Then goes Pastor Rob Schneider’s preaching. After a short introductory song number from his wife, the pastor, as both Jew and Christian, took the time in exhorting God’s message concerning the Law, the Faith, our spiritual roots, and the Spirit of God, testifying to his past Jewish heritage of the orthodox Law and looking forward for each and every Christian’s full turn towards the light.

Upon the altar call of driving out the spirits plaguing spiritual lives among the congregation, Pastor Rob prayed for the members, and the front was filled with people amongst the congregation, who, responding to the call, proceeded to seek grace from God our Savior.

All in all, the congregation was blessed and filled with joy at that special Sunday, and the spiritual heritage left its imprint on the minds and hearts of the people present.



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