

## A TALE OF TWO WEDDINGS

By an Eye Witness

Lets have more Messianic weddings, Jewish style! December was the blessed time for our first two real APMF weddings, as the couples remain with us. December 22 was the date for John Richard Nelson and Keren Eming Angiwan, youngest daughter of Dave & Mancy Angiwan. Richard is a civil engineer like his teacher and father-in-law. His family is currently from Tagaytay, Rizal but has roots from Abra. Keren is a nurse like her mother. The venue was the new Supreme Hotel in Baguio City. The couple are part of the Baguio City Messianic Congregation. Officiants were Boni Doques and Roger Walkwitz. Neither has a current Philippine license, so in the morning, Uncle Rene Daytec took the couple to the mayor of Tuba, a suburb of Baguio, to have the official solemnizing. This is a common practice in many countries that require a secular wedding. If a religious wedding is also desired, that is ok. Boni was a witness for the mayor, and was deputized to make sure the couple showed up at Supreme Hotel later!

Pacific Cebu Resort in Lapulapu City, Cebu was the venue for Joel F. Cruz and Irene Marie "Imee" Alcantara in the afternoon of December 28. Joel is a Music Faculty at Cebu International School and Imee continues with her mother's Pre-School business. Joel's parents are both deceased but his two sisters, Jenny and Kristine, were there as bridesmaids. Imee is the younger daughter of Edilberto and Ramona Alcantara while her older sister, Yasmin, served as maid of honor. Officiant was Jacob Ocampo, Elder of Eagles' Wings Messianic Congregation, who was able to have his license renewed in time under the old rules. The new government rules will make it difficult for anyone seeking to get a license for the first time. Message was given by Roger Walkwitz. We might say that Imee was the pioneer of the Cebu Messianic Fellowship. A weekend Seminar in January 2006 at the Alcantara Pre-School with Joel and Roger teaching changed all that. Solomon & Vivilyn Buasag came up from Bukidnon and brought the Jangad family who were immediately convinced. Their Cebu Christian Institute International campus is now the venue for CMF activities.

Both weddings were beautiful with the bride encircling the groom, couples under the Huppa or canopy, and the groom breaking the wine glass in memory of the destruction of Jerusalem. Both weddings were also significant in that both couples came to their wedding day as virgins with no previous sexual activity. This is God's plan for His children to lay a good, clean foundation for a happy marriage, in contrast with the Sexual Revolution of societies that seek to destroy the family, disdain virginity and promote multiple partner sex, all lies of the enemy. So Mazel Tov, Nelsons and Cruzes! You have set a good example for the next batch.

Roger