



Africa Needs U, Inc.

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! - Psalms 117:1 2011 - Year of Amazing Grace - February Praise Report Saturday February 5th, 2011

A powerful rendition clip of **Amazing Grace** song by Wintley Phipps ushered in February's **Africa Prays** session this last Saturday at Hope Christian Church in Beltsville, MD. Rev. O. Paul Taiwo, the Executive Director of Africa Needs U, Inc., lovingly thanked all who came out to stand in the gap for Africa despite the threat of snow and sleet, and compared their act to **Luke 18**, the parable of the persistent widow in encouraging all to believe that Africa is changing and that we have not seen anything yet, never give up, but continue to PUSH and hope in Jehovah Rapha's healing and Amazing Grace. Brother Adeolu Bilewu, led in opening prayers. The faithful praise team of Sister Dola Ashamu, Brother Ben Joseph and Brother Solomon Ekwukoma ushered in the presence of the Lord as powerful worship songs rent the air.



Ms. Bethany Bilewu and Mayowa Taiwo worshiped God in dance to **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty**, the revelation song from **Rev 4:8**, and **Holy and Anointed One**. Word of encouragement were shared by Pastor Chuck Apugo, who admonished all to do something worthwhile for Christ. He posed the question, "what in Heavens sake are you doing for the Kingdom of God". He challenged all as Christians to keep our Lords' commandment and fear Him. He also reminded us about King Solomon who started well and fell from grace following God's law, and urged all to remain focused on Him our Redeemer, He shall grant all our request as long as we **ask**.

Thanksgiving prayers were led by Sister Nkope Hayford who thanked God for the Black History Month, gave thanks to all who sacrificed for this time; Tata Nelson Mandela's good health and 21st anniversary of release from SA prison; Southern Sudan's peaceful referendum, progress for all co-laborers' in ministry n missions and lastly for Gods grace on ANU's second project **Africa Ask**. Prayers were also said for God's perfection of the spirit of **LOVE, PEACE, KINDNESS, FORGIVENESS, COMPASSION, SACRIFICE, and subset of LEADERSHIP, HARMONY, HONESTY, INTEGRITY, CHARACTER, n UNITY**, to continue to permeate throughout our beloved Africa. Additional prayers for the peaceful resolution in Ivory Coast, Egypt, and in Tunisia and the upcoming presidential elections in Uganda, Benin, Algeria, Nigeria. Revelation prayers for a divine encounter with the Lord for our muslin brothers and sisters, and prayers for the **Peace of Jerusalem** rounded out the session. An Amazing Grace Year 2011, the beginning of a new an dynamic order is being established in Africa. Rev. Paul, charged all to keep the candle burning, that with what is going on around the world especially in Africa, that again, we have not seen anything yet. He reminded all about Jesus Christ's admonishment to His disciples not to loose focus, that many a things will happen, but will not yet mean the end of time. He invited all out to **IGO Africa for Jesus' Black History Month Cultural Praise Worship celebration this Saturday Feb. 12 at the Intl. Ethiopian Evangelical Church, 7930 Eastern Avenue in NW DC., from 4 - 6pm.**

A graceful solo dance ministration by Bethany Bilewu to "**Mighty to Save**" and a duo with Mayowa Taiwo to "**You Are Good Alone**" followed by an exhilarating & powerful time of praise & worship with a medley of songs as **IGWE, He as promised, Unquestionable U are the Lord**, rounded out the praise time.



February Praise Report, by Rev. Paul Taiwo, was to encourage us to believe that truly, Africa is changing. Change however, must come first from our positive utterances as we know we create what we speak, so if we tear down by our words the continent will continue to be torn down whereas if we build up and decree progress and development then such will occur in our land. We must endeavor to be optimistic, seeing that the Lord has brought quite a number of us out of Africa to the West to learn and see things for ourselves, how things can be done better so we can return to do greater works in Africa to the glory of God. He encouraged all to please remember to lift up Africa in their quite times, as so much is happening around us and we need to remain steadfast in prayer and not get distracted. He alluded to the Amazing Grace clip shown earlier, that **We Now Can See** and need our Lord to guide us through a peaceful and progressive path for advancement for the beautiful people and precious land of Africa.

Rev. Paul reminded all that 'We are all slaves to sin without Christ our Redeemer', for all to keep faith and be righteous. He read from **2 Chron7:14**, the scriptural passage of **Africa Prays**, focusing on **HUMBLE, PRAY, SEEK** and deviating from **WICKED** ways as the conditions our Lord gave to hear our prayers and heal our land Africa. Closing prayers was given by Brother Gideon Isele, who prayed for God's blessing upon all present and for favor and grace on the vision of ANU. An awesome time of fellowship ensured to end a wonderful time of Praise to our Lord. Praise be to God!

Please join us in a **Monthly three 3 day fast, Thursday-Friday-Saturday** leading to ANU's next Africa Prays on **March 5th, 2011**.

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Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever! - Psalms 106:1