

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! - Psalms 117:1

## 2013 - Year of Divine Favor - Praise Celebration Report

Saturday February 2nd, 2013

Africa will rise again, surely worthy is the Lamb, believe Africa is truly changing, proclaimed Rev. Oladele Chukwuemeka Paul Taiwo, the Executive Director of Africa Needs U, Inc. at February **Africa Prays** session past Saturday at Hope Christian Church in Beltsville, MD. He appreciated all who came out to stand in the gap for Africa, reminded that, this is the **Year of Divine Favor on Africa**. He charged all to engage in works across Africa rather than just talk or analyze, as that will result in the desired change across the continent. From Somalia to Mali, CAR, Egypt, Sudan, Congo DRC, Malawi, Rwanda, Nigeria, Uganda and Liberia, **Africa Prays** is one of the tools we use in praising God for past, ongoing and anticipated changes. Sister Sally Koffi, an Ivorian, gave opening prayers in French, giving thanks to almighty God for ANU's vision and grace to achieve and complete the vision, **Ps. 119:62-64**. Next, ever faithful Drum Maestro, Brother Ben Joseph along with the praise team led a powerful time of praise on songs such as **Praise the Lord, Alleluia, U R the Pillar, Our Father who art in Heaven...**



A graceful Dance Ministration by Ms. Mayowa Taiwo to the song 'I Will Rise' by Chris Tomlin ushered us into the thanksgiving prayer session. Dr. Peter Nyang, the prayer session facilitator, gave thanks for the February testimonies of positive steps to peace from Somalia, CAR, Mali-France, Nigeria with Boko Haram and the reported 60% GDP growth rate increase for Ghana and (Nigeria); He also randomly selected some others in the gathering, one of whom was Pastor Sam Odilatu to pray for the **grace, wisdom, discernment, clarity and resources for implementation of AU endorsed PIDA Plan; Successful 3<sup>rd</sup> 24hrs End-of-Year Thanksgiving Praise Celebration, last Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012; IGO Africa for Jesus Inaugural Prayer n Praise program, Intl Ethiopian Evan. Church, Washington, DC. 7pm 2/9; Africa Prays 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Praise Worship Celebration Concert, May 4<sup>th</sup>/June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013; Gambia's Independence celebration on the 18th; Peace in Syria, and the peace of Jerusalem. FYI...next Africa Prays on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> will be at **Jesus House Baltimore**, all are invited to come out with friends and family to bless Africa.**

Thanksgiving praise filled the air again with Bro Ben and team ministered with popular praise songs like **God U R good, oh my soul rise... the most Excellency, I will praise U, U R the reason I'm happy and U R Alpha**, ANUs team song. Rev Taiwo, again appreciated all who came out especially with the children, saying that the children are the ones that will see the full actualization of the vision in their generation, he prayed that some of us might be sleeping, but encouraged that some will witness all in Jesus name, if they hold on their believe from **John 14:12**.



Dance soloist, Mayowa Taiwo, ministered to the redemptive song, 'Be Magnified' by Fred Hammond, and this was followed by a short testimony by Brother Richard Akwei, an ANU Board member, who just returned from the funeral of his late Mother in Ghana & Togo. He testified of the changes he saw in Africa after been in America for over 10 years as a refugee fleeing persecution from the authorities. He charged all present saying, that until you do something so huge for God that peoples perceive you as crazy, do you manifest your faith, that with God all things are possible. He reminded all that when Brother Paul Taiwo started ANU back in August 2006, quite a number of people perceived him to be crazy taking on Africa thru intercession especially praise. Now, over 6 years have passed with numerous testimonies affirming the wonderful merciful grace our Lord has showered upon the continent. He said, now he believes that truly Africa is changing from what he observed especially in Ghana and Togo and believes such is the case across the landscape of Africa, IJN. He challenged all to support ANU's end goal vision of birthing a massive infrastructural development plan, **MIDA** called **PIDA** by the AU leadership. He said he now believes that truly Africa does need an infrastructural program to alleviate the wide spread endemic poverty across Africa, and sustain the ongoing transformation in some areas of the continent.

Rev Paul, thanked Brother Richard and formally welcomed him back with such an awesome testimony. He reminded all of close to 20 **Africa Ask** developmental projects across Africa and pleaded for all to join and support the vision through generous and kind donations via ANU's web page - **DONATE NOW** button, by wire transfer or simply drop a check in the mail for ANU. He then asked for anyone that has a any burden in their heart for the saints present to pray upon them. Dr. Peter requested prayers for clarity and wisdom in relocating back to Africa by the end of year 2014 IJN. Sister Helen Asirifi, said a short powerful prayer for Dr Peter and closed the session out in prayer. Lite refreshments with joyful fellowship followed. Alleluia!

**\*\*Reminder: Please come out to Saturday March 2nd Africa Prays at RCCG Jesus House, Baltimore, MD. 4 - 6pm.**

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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**