



# Africa Needs U, Inc.

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

## Africa Prays 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Concert - Praise Report Saturday May 2nd, 2009

Thanks be unto our Lord, for a great 2nd Annual Africa Prays Thanksgiving Praise and Worship Concert on Saturday May 2nd, 2009 at Hope Christian Church in Beltsville, MD. The Annual Concert is a yearly opportunity to honor, glorify and adore God for His never ending mercy on Africa. The Concert kicked off at 4:00pm as Paul Taiwo, ANU Executive Director, welcomed all present giving thanks for yet another concert of thanksgiving praise. He introduced the Master of Ceremony for the evening, Pastor Carlos Reyes, Youth Pastor at Hope Christian Church, who called on Pastor Rudy Depass, an Associate Pastor also at Hope Christian Church to lead the opening prayer. Pastor Niya Adams group, led all in a powerful time of worship .



Bishop Harry Jackson, Senior Pastor of Hope Christian Church, gave a welcome to Hope Christian Church message and encouraged all to believe in ANU's vision and render support in all areas needed. He invited all present to come to the altar with the faith that with true worship and prayer of intercession we can expect God to arise and scatter all the enemies of the land, break all the chains & yokes of bondage , stop plagues and continue to heal the people and the land of Africa. Next, Brandon Camphor and One Way, a youth worship group energized the people with next generation worship songs. Beyond the Mask, a drama ministry led by Ms. Monique Johnson, presented a powerful and captivating skit called *Africa be free*, from all spiritual and physical bondage.

Pastor Ghandi Olaoye, Senior Pastor of RCCG Jesus House, DC., a guest speaker, preached from [Act 16: 9-10](#). He said there is always a call to help that comes from God for a vision like ANU's to sprout. He added that it takes faith to praise God, when everything else around especially in Africa seems to convey misery, saying *'It is a paradox to be doing an Africa Prays, when there is so much misery around us in Africa'*. However, he believes that Africa Prays is a prophetic program to rebuild Africa which he likened to God's charge to Nehemiah to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem. Finally, he prayed that more people will join in this noble work which is long over due. The South African Choir (VUSA) led by Brother Mike Nguyuzza, gave a wonderful rendition of *Blessed Assurance* and a powerful rendition of the Africa Anthem in Swahili, *Mungu Ibariki*.

Dr. Mordi, a Pastor of Bethel World Outreach Church in Silver Spring, MD., then reminded all that Africa is the origin of life and encouraged all to reconnect back with Africa, saying that with every passing day, there is progress taking shape in Africa. She also charged us to have faith that Africa's time for greatness is coming soon but we must all do our part as the Lord leads. Pastor Carlos Reyes led the time of offerings, encouraging all to sow a seed towards ANU's vision for a better tomorrow for the people and land of Africa.

A powerful instrumental rendition of *You Are Alpha and Omega*, ANU's theme song by Eric Handy, a Flutist, followed by Nifemi & Mayowa Taiwo on Violin and rounded out by Pastor Niya on Sax ushered in the Africa Ask Project debut Message by Paul Taiwo. He first thanked Jehovah for another annual thanksgiving praise worship concert for Africa, and asked all present to join in kneeling down to give thanks to Almighty God, whose love and mercy endures forever upon us all. He prayed from [Nehemiah 9: 5b -6](#), giving thanks for what God continues to do in Africa. At this point, he launched ANU's second project called Africa Ask, a developmental arm based on our Lord's charge in [Matt 7:7](#)....*"Ask and it will be given to you..."*.

The Africa Ask Project is a web asking data bank which matches needs to sources of funding in the areas of Health, Education, Water and Agriculture primarily in the rural areas for implementation. Paul Taiwo shared highlights of his trip to South Africa in February and revealed the first project of Africa Ask, a basic agricultural farm in Wintervedl, a village in Pretoria North. This farm of sheep/goats, rabbit, chicken, fruits and vegetables is a agro-microfinance test project with the goal of reconnecting people back to the land. In urban areas, the scope of activities will be limited to improvement of existing infrastructures in Health and Educational institutions. The vision of Africa Ask is to renew and upgrade and also encourage increase philanthropy across the Continent of Africa through [www.AfricaAsk.org](http://www.AfricaAsk.org). He enjoined all present to spread the word and partner with ANU, saying that Africans in the diasporas, missionaries, visitors and tourist to Africa are to be the agent of change by identifying these needs in Africa.

A Kenyan Poet and Artiste, Sister Anna Mwalagho, gave a reverting and powerful poetry affirming the beauty of Africa. Brother Mathurin Lokpo, an Ivorian guitarist, joined by Pastor Adams glorified God with a French & English rendition of praise songs. Pastor Femi Olugbile lead us in the song *Because He lives I can face tomorrow...*, invited all to join in shouting seven (7) halleluiahs to round out a glorious and successful evening unto our Lord for Africa and gave the closing prayers. **Join us at our next Monthly session on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 4 - 6pm, 2009 at [RCCG, New Wine Assembly, 1515 Kenilworth Ave., NE, Washington DC 20019](#).**

\*\*\*Special thanks to all who came out to make this program a success, God Bless!!!

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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**