



Africa Needs U, Inc.

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

2013 - 6th Annual Thanksgiving Concert

Year of Divine Favor - Praise Report

Saturday May 4th, 2013

Truly, Africa is changing..Just believe! M.I.D.A / P.I.D.A!

Our Lord was lifted high Saturday May 4th, 2013 as we praised, danced and exalted Him, during **Africa Prays** Sixth Annual Thanksgiving Praise Worship Concert at Hope Christian Church in Beltsville, MD. An excited Executive Director of ANU, Rev. Oladele Chukwuemeka **Paul** Taiwo, gladly welcomed all who came to stand in the gap for Africa and especially commended those who came from out of town; Guitarist Mathurin Lokpo, who again, came in from Boston, MA; Sister Boladale Adeyinka from Abuja, Nigeria; Engr. Robert Ajuwon from Pittsburg, PA and many others from different churches and organizations. He testified that our prayers are being answered as is evident with the **Divine Favor** being witnessed across the continent, but he reminded all to continue to **wait on the Lord**, be **patient**, and **PUSH** and watch as our Lord's winds of change continues to transform Africa.



HCC elder and ANU Advisory Board member, Pastor Rudy DePass, said the opening prayer and welcomed all to Hope Christian Church, thanking God for ANU's diligence and consistency with the vision **Habk 2:3**. Rev Paul, then invited the ever faithful MC, Brother Richard Akwei, from Ghana-Togo, to facilitate the program. The energetic **HCC Youth Praise** team, led by vibrant Niya Wills, graced the atmosphere with praise songs such as '**Alleluia, You have won the victory...**', and many more. The **HCC Youth Dance** team beautifully ministered and exalted our Lord to the song titled '**Be Lifted High**' by Bethel and '**The Anthem...Alleluia U have won the victory...**' by the Planetshakers. The ever faithful Sound of the Word praise team led by talented saxophonist, Pastor Niya Adams, ignited all to get up and praise and worship in song & dance to various popular praise songs.

Sister Paulette Mpouma, led a powerful time of prayer. She thanked God for all answered prayers over the years, giving us awesome testimonies across Africa in places like Kenya, Somalia, Mali, CAR, Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Zambia; **for Wisdom in developing renewable energy in solving Africa's energy crises, especially Portable Solar Power System**. The New Wine Assembly praise team, surprise fully blessed us with popular songs '**Hosanna in the highest**'..., '**What shall we do today...**'; and lastly, '**We lift UR Name higher...**'. Please join us for next month's Africa Prays, June 1st which will be hosted by RCCG-NWA Church in DC. A short report on the **Harvard Business School's** 15th Annual Africa Business Students Conference, **A New Story, Africa an Emerging Continent** was then given by Sister Joy Johnson. She encouraged all to check out Africa with her incredible changing landscape especially from Liberia, Ghana, Zambia, Nigeria, Rwanda, and many more. Ms Joy, invited all to find time to visit or follow Africa, believing that Africa is truly changing. The affable joyous praise team of **Agape Word Center Church**, joyfully got all jumping, praising and dancing with '**Alpha and Omega U R worthy of our praise**', '**this kind God Oh, I never see is kind before**'...

Engr. Robert Ajuwon, encouraged all to have an African Dream; that as we Africans in the Diaspora, see the environment we all live in the West, that we can return to build our African Dream. He said, just returned from beautiful South Africa, he saw the need for brain re-gain into Africa to sow a seed of love; he then showed a YouTube clip which featured a six room classrooms block requested in Waithaka, Nairobi, Kenya, donated by **Africa Ask**, showing Pastor Patricia Johnson, an ANU Board member in Uganda, who traveled to review and document the project on behalf of **ANU-AA project arm**. The time for offering and donations was beautifully handled by Sister Seun Holmes, who thankfully encouraged all to sow liberally, saying that God loves a cheerful giver and Africa Needs their support to plant more blessed projects, **now close to 20 projects across Africa**. A short exaltation by Dr. (Mrs) Sarah Jibril, Special Adviser to Nigerian President Jonathan Goodluck on **Ethics n Values** admonished all to believe that Africa is changeable and reformable IJN.

The skit on the Centurion asking Christ to please help heal his sickly dying servant by just SAYING the **WORD**, was performed by Bro Virgil Newkirk as Christ and Femi Odukoya as the Centurion from **Matt 8:8**. A majestically powerful sax medley beginning with Daniel Bakare playing '**What shall I say unto the Lord...and U R Alpha n Omega**, ANU's theme song, followed by Saxophonist Jay Holmes played **Take Me To the King n Break Every Chain** and rounded up with Pastor Niya with **Ki lo le se Olorun mi...** and **Jesus You're The Center of My Joy**, was met with a loud and thunderous ovation. Rev. Chukwuemeka Paul Taiwo, gave a brief Praise Report on the attestation by the Economist News Magazine, the BBC news on Africa, the Foreign Relations articles and even World Bank on the impressive growth in Africa economies and affirmation of the incredible GDP growth rate across most of Africa. He now launched the Animation clip featuring the **end-goal-vision of ANU, The MIDA Plan**, now on **YouTube, showing Africa in 2015-2020-2025, only if you believe, John 14:12**. Poet, **Anna Mwalagho** then stirred up joyful noises with her dramatic recap of life in America ending in a poem on Africa. Another Dance Ministration to **Break Every Chain** song by Tasha Cobbs by **HCC Youth Dance** team followed by Mercurial guitarist and worshipper, Brother Mathurin Lokpo's solemn praise with '**Alleluia...**' '**He has promised, He will never fail...**', invoked showers of God's awesome blessings upon all present. The evening ended with powerful closing prayer by Min, Lewis McCllain. Alleluia, Praise God! **Please join us at our next Monthly session on Saturday, June 1st, 4-6pm at RCCG - New Wine Assembly Church, 1515 Kenilworth Ave, NE, Washington DC 20019.**

*****Special thanks to all volunteers and 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