



Africa Needs U, Inc.

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

Africa Prays 1st Annual Concert Praise Report

Saturday May 3rd, 2008

Praise the Lord all, we thank God for a wonderful and glorious concert. Our 1st Annual Concert started with a call to worship led by Pastor Niyi Adams and his band. This was followed by opening and welcome remarks by Brother Fred Nnoma Addison and Sister Hephzibah Ene Anderson. Pastor Niyi Adams then returned to lead us in an exhilarating time of praise and worship. We continued in His presence as Sister Glenda Ward gave us an inspiring dance solo, and Brandon Camphor and One Way group led us again in another time of praise with a medley of praise songs. Words of exhortation and encouragement on Africa were then given by Pastor Rudy Depass and Rev Cassandra Sparrow. Minute long promotional video clips on Ghana and Uganda was followed by an informational slide show on the vision and goals of Africa Needs U (ANU), presented by Paul Taiwo, the Executive Director.

Pastor Olufemi Olugbile gave a brief word on sowing seed and then called for a love offering. Triple-N-Gen, a youth praise and worship group then kicked off another time of praise. Sister Anna Mwalagho, a Kenyan poet, followed with a powerful poetry encouraging Africans not to give up on Africa but to look at Africa for its beauty and endeavor to do all they can to rebuild it. Next, Sister Emily Soroko and Brother Jerry Bangbade facilitated a time of prayer which included some of the following prayer points given out to a selected few in the audience to pray along:

1. For Godly leadership to boldly take hold in African countries.
2. For countries celebrating their independence day in the month of May: Eritrea (05/24)
3. Let us pray that God will intercede in Zimbabwe that the right election results will be released and the right leader will be sworn into office peacefully.
4. Let us pray for the upcoming 2008 America elections, that God's candidate will prevail.
5. For a change in the heart of the people against greed in all ways, that they would repent, ask for forgiveness, humble themselves and persistently seek after the heart of God in all that they do.
6. For breakthrough pertaining to policy development, program implementation and organization of events geared towards the spiritual & physical development of Africa.
7. For Peace and Respect in Muslim-Christian relations in Africa. (Washington, DC)
8. For the cure, treatment and eradication of HIV/AIDS, TB, Polio, Ebola and other diseases in Africa and other parts of the world.
9. World Bank Conference on Mobilizing the African Diaspora for Development, and for all African Diaspora Organizations that God make clear their vision and open doors for their works concerning Africa.
10. For unity and love that provide a foundation for building biblical moral values in families and for the children, youth and young adults.
11. For an economic/cultural change that will allow more women to become productive and proactive in the development of Africa.
12. For permanent peace to take hold and reign in the land, for implementing Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement and for peace in the Central African Republic and the surrounding borderless wars
13. Africa – Sudan; Somalia; Central African Republic; Burundi, Ivory Coast; Uganda; Nigeria; Chad; Zimbabwe.
14. For the peace of Jerusalem.
15. We also continue to thank God for sustaining peace in Kenya.

Please continue to lift these points up in prayer and join us at our **next Monthly session on Saturday, June 7th, 4 - 6pm, 2008 at Hope Christian Church, Youth Worship Hall, Beltsville, MD. 20705.**

On a lighter note, laughter filled the auditorium when masters Folusho Koiki, Daniel Bakare and Nifemi Taiwo and children performed a cripple beggar skit showcasing the encounter of Peter, John, and the cripple who was healed in Acts 3: 1-10. Praise filled the hall again when Brother Mathurien Lokpo, an accomplished Ivorien guitarist took center stage and glorified God with French & English rendition of praise songs. Pastor Niyi Adams and his band returned to the stage again to give us another awesome medley of praise and closed the time with a rendition of ANU's theme song, *You are Alpha & Omega*.

Closing remarks by Dr. Nicku Mordi followed, who encouraged all present to sow of their time, resources and energy back into Africa as there is a lot of work to be done. To close an exciting evening, Pastor Sina Adebisi offered up thanks to the Lord for the concert and gave a closing prayer and blessing. It was a glorious time and Paul Taiwo thanked all who made the 1st Annual Africa Prays Concert a success, either by volunteering their time, sowing of finances or in-kind, and coming out for this day. May God bless and replenish each and everyone.

*** Special thanks to High Point High School, Beltsville, MD for the use of their Auditorium.

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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