



Africa Needs U, Inc.

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

2012 - 5th Annual Thanksgiving Concert Year of Amazing Love Transformation - Praise Report

Saturday May 5th, 2012

Africa is changing, just believe! P.I.D.A or M.I.D.A!



Our God is Awesome, Savior of the World, Healer of the whole world as we danced, sang and joyfully celebrated God, Saturday May 5th during Africa Prays Fifth Annual Thanksgiving Praise Worship Concert at Hope Christian Church in Beltsville, MD. This years theme was for the **Amazing Love Transformation** to take root and be permanent on Africa. An ecstatic Rev. O. Paul Taiwo, Executive Director of ANU, welcomed all who came to stand in the gap for Africa and especially commended those who came from far like Guitarist Mathurin Lokpo, who came in from Boston, MA; Sister Carmen Amao from Orlando, Florida and numerous others from the DC/MD/VA metro area churches and organizations. He affirmed that our prayers are being answered slowly but surely, reminding all to be **patient** and **persevere** as we **PUSH** and believe that Africa is risen and will continue to give God glory.

He introduced Pastor Reggie Mazyck, HCC Youth Pastor, who led opening prayer and welcomed all to Hope Christian Church, affirming our Lord's grace and favor upon the ANU vision. Rev Paul, then invited the MC for the evening Brother Richard Akwei, from Togo, who facilitated graciously well at last years Concert and gladly accepted to repeat once again. The ever recurring Praise team from **Sound of the Word**, led by talented and energetic Pastor Niyi Adams, along with Brother Ben Joseph lead an energized time of praise with songs such as 'These are the days of Elijah..., and many more. The **HCC Youth Dance** team beautifully ministered and exalted our Lord to a Charles Jenkins song titled 'My God is Awesome' and they were followed by **HCC Youth Praise** team who further permeated the atmosphere with praise songs such as 'We lift You Up...', 'Alleluia, You have won the Victory'. MC Richard, admonished all that Africa Prays is a time of thanksgiving to our Lord for His mercy that endures upon the land and people of Africa.

Pastor Joshua Agbodeka of Heavenly Kingdom Bible Church in Baltimore, MD., in a short exaltation on **forgiveness** read from Genesis 45. He recanted Joseph's re-connection with his brothers, who sold him into slavery in Egypt. He pointed out that orchestrating the sequences of the slavery was likely part of God's design to preserve them in the future. He asked our brothers and sisters, African Americans, to please **forgive us Africans** for the sins of our fore-fathers in selling their ancestors into slavery, and that we both need to bind together in love to rebuild Africa in one accord with peace. The dynamic Praise team of **Agape Word Center Church**, led by brother Suzyo Ziba, captivated all with 'Awesome God, the Great I AM...', 'Be Lifted High, You R the Mighty God... **Poet and Dramatist Anna Mwalagho** then set off by first singing the solemn African Anthem "Nkosile Sikwelele Africa" rounding it out with God bless Africa, to a thunderous round of applause. She then, got all laughing with different funny Queens English/American pronunciations. **Brandon Camphor and One Way**, returned all back to a place of worship as with powerful songs such as 'We Can Change the World', 'Bless the Lord, Oh my soul', n more.

Brother Moses Yomi, gave a testimony on Africa Ask, ANU's developmental project arm's fulfilling a request posted for a water borehole in **Abere village** in Edo State of Nigeria. He thanked **AA of ANU** for making a difference in his peoples lives by giving them drinking water. **Piano Maestro** Tony Walker, magnified our Lord with **Amazing Grace**. Next was a beautiful instrumental medley rendition of U R Alpha n Omega on flute-Violin-Saxophone was preceded by a reading from 1Cor 13 by Master Daniel Bakare, the love passage. which ushered the Praise Report. Rev. Taiwo, says **love** is that key ingredient for Africa's revival. Making sacrificial giving of not only self, but all for the good of your neighbors is what will surely move Africa progressively forward. He mentioned the **AU leadership endorsement of a PIDA plan**, one akin to the **MIDA plan**, the end goal vision of ANU, which calls for a massive infrastructural development plan for Africa, beginning with development of basic infrastructure in rural areas and gradually spreading evenly across Africa. He exclaimed that it is a process and that we are getting there in Jesus name, and reminded all to visit www.africanedsu.org to keep up with ANU's ongoing work, its progress and to give to projects of their choice.

Another Dance Ministration to **Africa Percussions** in Drums by the **HCC Youth Dance** team, was preceded by an offering call by Sister Seun Holmes, who encouraged all to sow a seed of love to bless the works of ANU. Mercurial guitarist and worshipper, Brother Mathurin Lokpo's solemn praise with 'Open the flood gates of Heaven let it rain...', invoked showers of God's awesome blessings upon all present and the evening ended with powerful closing prayer by Sister Helen Asirifi. Alleluia, Praise God! **Please join us at our next Monthly session on Saturday, June 2th, 4 - 6pm, 2012 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