



# Africa Needs U, Inc.

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

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

Saturday January 5th, 2013

Happy New Year to you all; Just believe, Africa is truly changing. A glorious and reveling New Year Praise celebration of **Africa Prays** ushered in the Year for Africa's explosion, this past Saturday at Hope Christian Church in Beltsville, MD. Executive Director of Africa Needs U, Inc., Rev. Oladele Chukwemeka **Paul** Taiwo offered thanks to our Lord and Savior and excitedly welcomed and expressed thanks to all who came out to stand in the gap for Africa on 1st Saturday of the New Year 2013.



Rev. Paul, spoke ANU's theme for the year as the **Divine Favor on Africa**, saying, one of the key ingredients our Lord has blessed Africa with this year, is renewing man's spirit with love and action on the continent, he said we should be expectant. Sister Christy Jocelyn Wiley, gave a gentle opening prayer, exalting God for His continuous grace in the New Year. A festive time of Praise and Worship filled the air as Drum maestro Ben Joseph led praise into the presence of our Lord with songs, **Awesome God...**, **Shout to the Lord, Mighty God, Everybody praise the Lord...** and more in great adoration.

In his words of exaltation, Pastor Rudy DePass, an ANU advisory Board Member and a long time elder at HCC, encouraged all and thanked God for Rev Paul and the God given vision of ANU and prayed it would continue to be run with consistency and steadfastness of purpose. He congratulated ANU for over six incredible years of steadfastness, reminding all of the uniqueness of the number six, as God created the world in six days. He reiterated ANU's vision as one where people are united in the goal of a better life for others through increased giving toward the development of others. He read from **Hebrews 11:3**, *...through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made by things which appear...*, he admonished all to believe that Africa is truly changing, if only through praising and worshipping God, but also thru all that is taking shape on the continent and ended with **1Cor 2:9; Zechariah 4:10**...*For who hath despised the day of small things? For they shall rejoice?*... Next was a graceful dance ministration by Bethany Bilewu, to **"Wonderful, merciful Savior"**, an adoring song by Selah. Rev. Paul, encouraged all present to remember that in **Ps 2:8**, as Christians, our Lord has given us the nations, once we ask Him and have His spirit in our heart. He thanked Pastor Rudy for always being a blessing to ANU's vision and Ms Bethany for her inspired dance.

Sister Seun Holmes facilitated a powerful time of prayer. She reminded all that we must be steadfast in our belief in His glory; The following are some of the January thanksgiving prayer points that were lifted up especially for the **Successful 3<sup>rd</sup> 24hrs End-of-Year Thanksgiving Praise Celebration, Friday Nov 30<sup>th</sup>-Dec 1<sup>st</sup>**, for **Testimony of 60% increase GDP for Ghana n (Nigeria)**, n more... Alleluia!. Others include;

- Change is Inevitable... **Believe** Africa changes surely by His grace... **PUSH**...
- **AU endorsed PIDA Plan**; grace n wisdom, discernment, clarity and resources for implementation.
- Let us thank God and pray for countries celebrating their independence day in **January**: Sudan 01/01; that Jehovah will surely perfect the works He has started in each country.
- Let us thank God and pray for success in planning, development and implementation of policies, programs and events geared towards the spiritual & physical development of Africa.
- The Peace of **Jerusalem**.

**Come out and join us as we praise our Lord at next months' Africa Prays session on Saturday Feb 2th, 2013 from 4-6pm.**



The next thanksgiving praise segment began with Ms. Niya and team with songs **All the glory belongs to You, Blessed, Father melody and Mighty Yon Are.**, this was again followed by a graceful dance solo, by Ms. Bethany to **'Oh Lord U R beautiful'** by Michael W. Smith. Brother Ben led another praise & worship time with all worship teams present with songs, **He has promised, He will never fail**, and **that is why You R called Jehovah... what You say U will do...** Rev. Taiwo, thanked all who came out to welcome the New Year's very first Africa Prays. In a recap of ANU's vision, he prayed that the impact of **Africa Ask**, ANU's ongoing 2nd developmental Project will continue to be felt around Africa more in 2013 to God's glory and pleaded for more donations to about 20 ongoing projects thru the **DONATE** button on the organizations website, [www.africanneedsu.org](http://www.africanneedsu.org); Again, he reminded all that this is the **Year of Divine Favor for Africa** and explosion of His grace this year with progress on the **AU - PIDA** implementation greatly enhanced. He admonished us to continue to pray for a peaceful resolution to the situation in **Syria, Mali, CAR, DRC and Nigeria**, rather than analyze, get on your knees... **PUSH**. Min. Lewis McIlwain gave a closing prayer, thanking God for yet another year that the Lord has Blessed and worshiped singing **You R Great...** Light refreshments were served followed by New Year Day's greetings n fellowship. Happy New and Prosperous Year to Africa and all. Praise the Lord!

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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**