

A Missionary from Africa to Us?

In 1989 Benjamin Anyacho was praying in his village in Nigeria. He heard the Lord say, "You will be a missionary one day." Being a missionary wasn't on Benjamin's list of things he wanted to do when he grew up. He forgot the word. Nine years later he was pastoring a church in Abuja, Nigeria, when his overseer had a vision of him ministering to tens of thousands of westerners. He said within a year Benjamin would no longer be in Nigeria. Ten months later Benjamin landed in the United States, and the Lord told him, "This is what I told you 10 years ago. You are a missionary here."

Benjamin moved to Austin in 2000. He submitted to a local church with a global vision for a year and a half, but then God told him to withdraw and concentrate on Austin - that he was called to Austin. He went on a 40 day fast for direction. God told him to pray for the city of Austin because there is going to be a mighty move. At end of 40 days, on February 2, 2002, he gathered friends to begin praying for Austin. They met at Barbara Bucklin's. At 7:00 am there were 75 intercessors and pastors that met to pray, and God told them He was going to bring revival to Austin. They gathered to pray every month from 2002 to the end of 2004, meeting in various locations and churches all over the city. They incorporated Apostolic Bridge Builders in 2002 for Communication, Connection, and Collaboration towards transforming revival in Austin area.

In 2002 Benjamin was teaching from Psalm 24 about the gates of a city. At the end of that teaching was when Chuck Pierce came to Rally Call and had the prophecy about the hail. When it hailed, local people were to go to declare what God was saying at the gates of the city. Three days later, when the hail came, Barbara called Benjamin, and people gathered to pray at Benjamin's house. They mapped out the gates and sent two intercessors to each gate in obedience to Pierce's prophecy. They continued every Tuesday for 8 months to pray for the city.

From 2003 to 2008 Apostolic Bridge Builders facilitated, along with dozens of other ministries, churches, and businesses, the City Impact Roundtable Conference as a branch out of Mission America. Hundreds of leaders participated. The attendees of the last CIR OF 2008 AGREED UPON AND ENDORSED AUSTIN DISASTER RELIEF NETWORK (ADRN)

God has used, and continues to use, many vessels to move this city forward in His plans. Benjamin came all the way from Nigeria to put in his piece. He isn't the only one from far places. He said, "God has sent several people from around the world to tell us that there's going to be a revival in Austin and that's why we're here, helping bring transforming revival in Austin."