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It was an emotionally charged atmosphere at the St James Baptist Church in Kumasi, where the 'born-again' Lord Kenya launched his 'Chistlife' gospel album.

Like the biblical account of the prodigal son, Lord's father, Nana Akpor Kenya shed tears as he recalled the pains and frustrations the family had to experience at the peak of their son's stardom.

"There were times I feared to go before my own son. I had been questioned and intimidated in attempts to visit my son," said the Nzemahene of Ashanti, who was excited 'to have found his long lost son'.

The son could not help but hug the father as he took to the stage to perform his 'Christlife' track, stirring patrons to emotional heights.

The 33-year-old former hiplife superstar held the audience spellbound on their feet as he testified his liberation "from the ghetto to the church".

Lord Kenya brought to bear his musical craft as he sung "I don't know why Jesus loves me", interlaced with his evangelistic testimony of his addiction to drugs and eventual miraculous liberation by "an invisible hand".

"People hailed me as a superstar anytime I performed, but deep within me I was empty. What I needed was Jesus...If God says you're for Him, indeed you're His", he wailed.

The titles of Kenya's last two albums - 'Born Again' and 'God Dey' - were perhaps cast in the young man's reverence for the Supreme Being but least did he expect the projects would mark the beginning of his spiritual awakening.

The 'rap heavyweight champion' is now in the Christ business but he still got his swag on to excite the crowd.

The charismatic Kenya thrilled fans with his renditions as he sets out to "win souls for Christ" through music and testimonies.

He was supported at the launch by Agape Incorporated, Prophet Seth Frempong, Slim Becky, and Rev. George Owusu Mensah.

Lord Kenya attributes his new album to "the making of God" and believes the outreach would be determined by the Holy Spirit because "I know he who has started the good thing will surely take it to an end."

"The peace I feel inside is incomparable... and I'm happy that He [Jesus] has asked me to go out there and share the message and that is the happiest thing that I'm enjoying right now," a joyous Kenya told Luv FM.

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