



# Abide in Christ

## Prayer and Praise with Wil and Ann Pounds

## Come and Celebrate with the Angels in Heaven

**JESUS SAID: "IN THE SAME WAY, I TELL YOU, THERE IS JOY IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ANGELS OF GOD OVER ONE SINNER WHO REPENTS" (LUKE 15:10).**

*Pictured above is Dr. John and Jane Howell with their translator sharing the Gospel with a 99 year old man on his way to the medical clinic.*

*Picture below is Jane Howell with her translator who had just trusted in Jesus Christ as her savior. As Jane says, "My most impressionable moment on this mission trip!"*

**It is always amazing how our Lord puts together His chosen teams and leads us according to His timing to places of His choosing.**

A 99 year old man on his birthday was walking slowly down the street



to meet the missionary doctors and encountered a husband and wife from the U.S. with a translator out to make their first home visit on the trip. They began sharing with him the Roman Road message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Not by chance! This was God's timing. This was a divine encounter with the living Savior with a 99 year old man. As he prayed his whole countenance and person changed! He lit up like a thousand watt light bulb. He celebrated two birthdays! The angels in heaven and his new family in Christ will celebrate this one throughout eternity!

Two deaths and their funerals in both locations where we worked limited two days of our medical ministry. But amazingly the Lord brought individuals into our lives to share the Gospel. Fifty-five individuals that we know of came to a saving faith in Christ.

Several times I had individuals in these two communities tell me, "Other people have come to our

community, but no one has made the message of salvation so clear and easy to understand as you have. I have never heard it so clear. I now understand and want to trust in Christ as my Savior."

- We had 55 personal decisions of faith in Christ for salvation.
- We saw 174 medical patients and 31 dental patients.
- We gave out 100 reading glasses and as many sun glasses.
- Over 200 people received New Testaments.

We delivered 600 New Testaments for our Evangelism and Missions Department at Peniel Theological Seminary to use in presentations of the Gospel and follow-up discipleship.

Our team led Darwin, the night manager of the hotel to Christ. Alejandro Guacho calls him every day to share Scriptures to disciple him in his new faith. Alejandro has already made trips to the towns of Suncamal and San Vicente to



follow up on these decisions for Christ.

*Picture below is Alejandro on the left and Damaso on right visiting with Darwin to disciple him in his new faith in Christ. They are making trips to follow up on individuals who made decisions for Christ. On the right Don Dumas leading a man to Christ.*



Abide in Christ builds national teams that develop mature witnesses for effective personal evangelism.

*Below our Abide in Christ October 2023 American missionaries with translators, Ecuadorian medical doctor, dentist, and Peniel Seminary students. Bottom row of seminary students witnessing to patients.*







*Above Dan and Amy Ahlenius with their translator sharing Christ with patients while our Ecuadorian medical doctor who is a Peniel Seminary student looks on.*

*Below the president of Peniel Theological Seminary, and a board member are witnessing to patients. On the right Donna Cobb examines patients. Lower left hand Alejandro witnessing to reading glasses patient. Lower right is Billy with his table of meds which he purchases for our teams before our trips and supervises the use on teams. Dr. Tania Hanna manages the packaging of meds for our teams which she has done for several years. Thank you Tania!*





Dan Ahlenius joined us on this team. "Amy and I used a presentation involving the Salvation Bracelet and 10 laminated Pictures to share the Gospel story. We presented the Gospel in group settings after which the people registered and disclosed their medical needs, which were attended to.

"Between the group Gospel presentations and Door to Door evangelism our team recorded 55 decisions to receive Christ.

"My most memorable interaction was with my translator, Erica, a 27-year-old Environmental Engineer and current Law Student, who gave her heart to the Lord on the first day of evangelism in Suncamal. It was awesome to see Erica's joy and transformation after receiving Christ and how it affected her passion for translating our successive Gospel presentations after her conversion."

My daughter Amy writes in her report: "As we were flying to Guayaquil looking out the window it was surreal knowing that I was coming back to the country where I was born excited about planting seeds of salvation. It was bittersweet because of the possibility that this might be the last mission trip with my 81-year-old Dad.

"The first day in San Vicente we were sharing our Gospel presentation and I happened to look up connecting eyes with a lady creating a spontaneous connection and how she lit up when Dan was presenting the Gospel appearing very responsive. At the end of our last picture of Jesus holding His hands out Dan asked the question, 'What would you do if Jesus extends His hands to you?' Her face lit up with tears in her eyes and I knew right then that she was my fellow sister. Upon handing her a salvation bracelet, she just held on to my hand with pure joy knowing that she

had eternity with Jesus. And I had the privilege of hugging her."

Bill Clements faithfully works as a dental instruments cleaner with our dentists said, "What a wonderful opportunity to observe God at work. My favorite God story was watching three of our translators accept Christ during this trip."

On the way back to the U. S., Billy Windham and I witnessed to a young charming university educated 27 year old Buddhist woman from Bogota, Colombia, who was on her way to Jackson, Mississippi. She was going there to teach Buddhism.

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST:**  
Pray for the AIC medical dental evangelism team returning to Ecuador March 2024.

Pray for an Evangelism in Depth team for Nicaragua in 2024.

Pray for Evangelism in Depth conferences in Bolivia.

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Our Ecuadorian medical doctor is treating a patient. She is also a student at Peniel Theological Seminary in the Guayaquil extension. We have had several medical doctors and nurses graduate from Peniel after they have completed their professional education.