



Abide in Christ

Prayer and Praise with Wil and Ann Pounds

"THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW.... PLEAD WITH THE LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT WORKERS INTO THE HARVEST" (MATT. 9:37-38 ESV).

To Be Used of God

Above picture of Wil and Aristides Bustillo, the Director of Missions in Northern Nicaragua Baptist Convention with two members of Belen Baptist Church who are starting a mission in La Estrella community of La Barillal. They are members of Belen Baptist Church, Jicaró, Nicaragua, where Aristides is pastor.

Picture below Dr. John Howell, Jr., and Aristides with a member of Belen Baptist Church who has started a preaching point in a new location with 20 people attending. These men were participants in our evangelism training April 6-13, 2023. Our prayer is they will be used of God to start a mission in Jalapa at Casa de Alfarero. On the right, Wil teaching the owner of a pharmacy, a member of the local Baptist church in Town of Murra how to mark her New Testament with the Roman Road to share Christ with her customers.

Dr. John Howell and I returned to northern Nicaragua at the request of Nicaragua Baptist Convention pastors, seminary professors, and mission leaders to train church leaders in traditional, historical Bible based evangelism methods. I taught *Evangelism in Depth* in 75 locations in Nicaragua from 2004 until

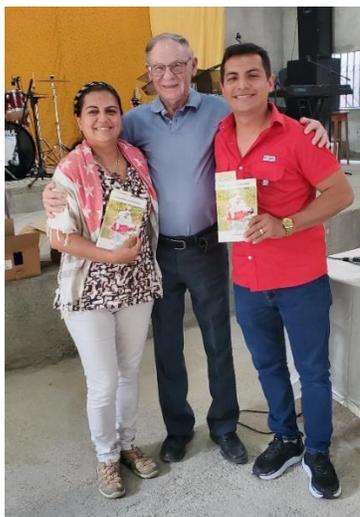


2015. There are now new pastors and church leaders who need a clear understanding on how to lead lost people to a saving knowledge of Christ. Over the past 60 years I have studied dozens for methods and presentations on how to lead people to Christ. I have consistently found the most effective method of presenting the Gospel is using the simple outline of the Roman Road.

In our *Evangelism in Depth* training we give all participants a New Testament in Spanish. I walk then through marking their Bibles beginning with John 3:16. In the blank space near that verse I have them write Romans 3:23. Then we go to Romans 6:23; 5:6-8; 10:9-10; 5:1-2 and 8:1 marking these verses in order



of their presentation. With their Testaments clearly marked from verse to verse they always know what the next verse to use. Romans 10:9-10 is a clear invitation to put their faith in Christ as their Savior. Romans 5:1-2 and 8:1 help them to understand what they just experienced. After marking their Testaments I chose a participant and give a demonstration on how to use the Scriptures in the presentation of the Gospel. Then we break up in groups of three and practice on one another for an hour in the secure environment in the church.



In the conference each individual in the groups make a prayer list of lost individuals they know and begin praying for them. Most participants come up with around 30 individuals whom they know who are lost. **After prayer we go out in groups of two or three and witness to neighbors of the church for an hour.** After

sharing their experiences we study more Scriptures



for an hour in groups on the life of the person without Christ, why we need to be saved, what God did for us in sending Christ to die for us on the Cross and rise from the dead; how to receive the free gift of eternal life, and the evidence of a new found faith in Christ. Then we go out witnessing again. We include a presentation on the Biblical basis of eternal security and assurance of salvation.

I wrote the materials for a five day workshop. Sometimes we give three day weekend conferences. On this trip to Nicaragua we gave two day workshops in two different locations. Easter Sunday I taught a two hour Sunday School class on the Roman Road, marked their New Testaments, and gave a demonstration. Easter Sunday evening I preached on John 20, Christ is Risen Indeed! There was a powerful moving of the Spirit of God in that service. During the week John Howell also shared Christ around his salvation experience, and I preached from Ephesians chapter two, Romans chapter three, etc.

Above picture of Wil and Aristides giving a demonstration on witnessing using the Scripture presentation of the plan of salvation.

On the above left is a member of an evangelical Presbyterian church in Managua who was visiting her son who is a member of Belen Baptist Church in Jicaró. She returned to her church excited about teaching Evangelism in Depth in her church. She is an English professor in a high school.

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