

# Abide in Christ

Prayer and Praise with Wil and Ann Pounds

## Your Partnership in the Gospel

Above photo is the new cafeteria building at Peniel Seminary. It now serves as extra classrooms, assembly building, and a meeting place for Sunday Bible study and worship services of a new mission. The photo below shows the block walls going up on the second floor July 14, 2021. As of the writing of this prayer letter the walls are now complete.

We are praising the Lord for His wonderful provision of the funds for the construction of the second floor of the classroom building at Peniel Theological Seminary in Riobamba, Ecuador. Thank you to each of you who made this possible as you responded to His leading.

During the last eleven years Peniel has been an extension of Abide in Christ evangelism, Bible teaching and medical dental ministries.

In spite of the Cornovirus epidemic, we have watched God do great and mighty things in Ecuador. As of this writing, well over 200 elderly Ecuadorian evangelical pastors have died to COVID, as well as over 30 Quechua pastors in the Chimborazo Association. "PLEASE, LORD, MAY YOUR EAR BE ATTENTIVE TO THE PRAYER OF YOUR SERVANT AND THE PRAYER OF YOUR SERVANTS ...." (NEHEMIAH 1:11).

#### **PRAYER REQUEST:** Our team is

purchasing tickets to return to Ecuador October 29 - November 8, 2021. This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Abide in Christ Bible Conference at Peniel Theological Seminary. We will begin with a medical dental evangelism team, and conclude with the conference and graduation of students.

As soon as the government opened doors for construction, Peniel staff and students got busy with the construction of the caferteriaassembly building and the first floor of the classroom building.

On January 16, 2021, classes were held in the new buildings. Also, courses were taught in the extensions in the capital city of Quito and the coastal port city of Guyaquil.

This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes. We rejoice in it.



We are trusting the Lord to provide funds for the third floor.



Damaso Francisco is one of the LORD God's faithful servants in His vineyard. We have known him for eleven years and have ministered with him as a fellow missionary. He received his education along with Alberto Copa at Hebron Theological Seminary in his home country, Santa Cruz, Bolivia. He serves as Academic Dean at Peniel. Damaso writes:

"I have the privilege of teaching Bible studies, theology and missions. I also challenge the students and churches where I serve with workshops and teachings to get them involved in missions.

"Alejandro Guacho and I just made the first evangelism trip since the COVID pandemic with a small team of students to a new unreached area. One of our students has committed to work in this new area. We are also planning short-term medical-dental-evangelism teams to the eastern jungle with seminary students and church youth. The objective is to present the Gospel to indigineous communities and challenge the churches to form evangelism and missions programs. I am grateful for the prayers of each of you for support in every way.

"In Christ, Damaso"

Abide in Christ provides funds for the Department of Missions and Evangelism at Peniel.

Classrooms in the two new buildings are now being used for instruction, and a new outreach group meets there for worship on Sundays. God has provided oportunities for ministry in so many ways even as construction continues. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

VIDEO UPDATES: You will find two new 4 minute videos on our Peniel Seminary construction project in Ecuador on our home page: http://www.AbideInChrist.com. In the center of page under the photo of me baptizing Pablo, you will see these two updates. These are the links to the videos. Enjoy.

How beautiful are the words of Isaiah 65:24 in application. "It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will listen." And we simply respond: Thank you, Lord!

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Please pray for our teams. All of our team members are anxious about outreach to unreached areas. We are planning on construction, medical, and evangelism teams from the U.S. serving in the near future.

Abide in Christ has a thousand expository sermons and Bible studies in English and Spanish on our websites. There are also audio messages by Wil from radio broadcasts and worship services.

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