



San Juan de Guabug, Ecuador Mission Update December 18, 2020

Abide in Christ Missions in Action

**"Expect great things from God!
Attempt great things for God!"**

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Abide in Christ is a faith ministry dependent upon the Lord and Bible believing Christians to provide free of charge Bible teaching ministries to build up His church and to reach unbelievers for Jesus Christ.

These are non-profit faith based Short-term Volunteer Mission Projects designed with a clear focus on church planting in rural areas of the world.

**I Saw God Do It!
with
Wil & Ann Pounds**

Preaching the Gospel in San Juan de Guabug and Kintia Panki, Ecuador



Wil leading Shuar man to Christ.

"I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, that I might not build upon another man's foundation; but as it is written, "THEY WHO HAD NO NEWS OF HIM SHALL SEE, AND THEY WHO HAVE NOT HEARD SHALL UNDERSTAND" (Romans 15:20-21).

Evangelism and discipleship are the heart of Jesus' Great Commission to the Church.

Years ago someone wrote: "A missionary is God's man, in God's place, doing God's work, God's way, for God's glory alone."

The Holy Spirit has an amazing way of putting us right where He wants us to witness to a lost person the saving gospel of Christ.

In September 2015, I watched God do something in an area where there are no evangelical churches of any variety. No Gospel witness. None. God led three men from the United States and three Ecuadorians to the place where He was at work, and we watched Him take each one of us and bear witness to God's saving grace.



Fifty-nine individuals put their faith in Jesus Christ. Of the 59, 22 were Quichuas who responded to our personal witness as we conducted a dental clinic in San Juan de Guabug. Dr. John Howell saw 45 patients and extracted 42 teeth on a Sunday afternoon. Twenty-two responded to the Roman road and believed on Christ as their savior. During the week we saw 73 dental patients and extracted 50 teeth in two different locations in Ecuador.

On the left Alberto Copa preaching in the San Juan de Guabug mission.

Several people who accepted Christ as their savior listened to Alberto's preaching on radio, and asked him to give them videos and audio tapes of his preaching. They invited friends to join them. They asked him to provide someone to come and teach their group and lead in worship. Seminary students and Alberto's daughter Abigale and her husband and brother started going to San Juan and teaching. In May 2015, and on several more occasions I taught personal evangelism and discipleship. Abide in Christ teams returned to the area witnessing. In February 2016, a new mission was started in this Quechua village by seminary students. Over the last four years there have been ups and downs due to persecution by neighbors and groups in town. By the Providence of God they have remained faithful to Him and have grown spiritually and numerically.

UPDATE December 18, 2020

Alberto Copa, Peniel Seminary President, reports on our Department of Evangelism and Missions. "God is at work in the community of Guabug Parroquia de San Juan. Peniel Theological Seminary graduates Segundo Copa, Juan Lozano, and my family, and other volunteer brothers from the seminary have been following up on decisions made on the medical dental evangelism team in 2015. Thank God, the church continues to grow, today we have 42 brothers and many of them are young people who have come to the feet of Christ. They are being discipled

and are ready to be baptized in the next few days. You were with us preaching and teaching several times in a very small house. We out grew it, and there is no more capacity to continue in that place. We are in the process of building a larger building in order to have services. The walls are up, but we still need to add the ceiling."

Here are some recent pictures at the San Juan mission:



Segundo Copa Peniel Seminary graduate and pastor preaching at San Juan de Guabug mission.



New believers at the San Juan de Guabug mission started by Peniel Seminary graduates.



New building for the San Juan de Guabug mission.

Please continue to pray for this new mission start in San Juan de Guabug. It is an excellent example of the Department of Evangelism and Missions at Peniel Theological Seminary working with Abide in Christ to start new missions. Our goal is that every graduate of Peniel will have this passion to preach the gospel and start new churches. Every student is required before graduation to serve an internship under an experienced pastor. Two seminary professors, Alejandro Guacho and Damaso Francisco, take evangelism teams to unreached areas of Ecuador. They have been trained by our medical dental evangelism teams to go out on their own using medicine to open doors for the gospel.

This is where it all began in September 2015.



Dr. John Howell extracting teeth and sharing Christ with patient.



Peniel Seminary student witness to patients at dental clinic.

Since then Segundo Copa (no relation to Alberto) graduated, and is now the pastor of this mission.



Seminary student's wife on the left sharing Christ at dental clinic outreach of their church.



Don Dumas with a seminary student witnessing in San Juan de Guabo.



Wil translating for Don Dumas as he shares Christ with patients. In background Jefferson Copa is translating for Dr. Howell.



Dr. Howell sharing Christ with a dental patient in San Juan de Guabo. Jefferson is translating the gospel message.



Wil assisting and translating for Dr. Howell.

A few months later, a perfect ending of a great day. Alberto baptizing at San Juan de Guabug.



Monday through Thursday we worked with the Shuar people in eastern Ecuadorian jungle at Chivias and Kintia Panki. We went door to door sharing Christ. Our goal was to find out where God was at work so our Quichua pastor Alejandro could start a new Shuar mission. During the week 33 individuals came to Christ. Among those who believed on Christ were six high school students who came across the river going to school and Alejandro witnessed to them. Also, John and Don waded across a river to an island where six university students were building a camp fire. They too, trusted Christ as their Savior.

One the way back to Riobamba we stopped along the side of the highway and led four Ecuadorian construction workers to Christ. Alejandro has a vision God has given him to reach unreached areas of Ecuador. He and Damaso have teamed up together to take students on mission trips wherever the Lord leads them.



Alejandro praying with new believers at cell tower construction site.



Alejandro and Damaso sharing Christ with a Shuar couple.



Shuar man accepting Christ as his Savior with Don Dumas and Jefferson Copa.



Alejandro witnessing a man on his farm in the jungle community.

I also spent a week teaching the course on the Gospels and Acts to Peniel Theological Seminary students at the Quito extension.



Students in the Peniel Theological Seminary extension in Quito, Ecuador.



Wil, Damaso, Alejandro, Don Dumas, and Israel praying at end of a great week sharing Christ.

Pray with us that God will open new doors for His glory in areas where the Gospel has never been preached.

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