I watched as this group, brought together by God, prepared for a week of "evangelism health ministry" in Ecuador. Alejandro, led by Holy Spirit, while continuing discipleship in Alao, had reached out to neighboring communities. Preparations were now in order for the North Americans to serve in some of these new areas in the Chimborazo Providence of Ecuador.

Hidden from the teams prior knowledge, their first two days would be spent in the village of Anita. This small agricultural village of approximately 125 Quechuas is nestled in the Andes Mountains. The community is absent of a local Christian Church, the reason for leading Alejandro in this direction.

Several local Quechuas were waiting at the location when the team arrived. After meeting the local officials, the team set up the eye, medical and dental clinics while registration began.

Equipped with all the supplies needed, an Ecuadorian physician (Dr. Evelyn), new additional translators, and the team from North America, patients were treated as they came to the clinic. Lee Goudelock learned quickly from his wife Jane on how to do eye exams.
Don Dumas did what Don does best, sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with locals as they arrived. His heart for evangelism and obedience to his calling is an encouragement to others.

During a break from the clinic, Bill, Martha and John visited with a lady while she made purses. She was very pleasant and you could tell by her countenance she was a believer.

The people in Anita were so kind and gracious to the team. They served food and hot tea the women had prepared, to each team member. As a result of two days service in Anita, 31 Quechuas accepted the free gift of eternal life.

Completing work in Anita, the team moved to Alao to follow up on previous work and encourage the believers. This village had been hit hard with persecution from the Catholic Priest since the teams visit last spring. The new believers had been reluctant to assemble together in worship for fear of what might happen to them.

A divine appointment occurred on the road in Alao when Wil, Billy and John met up with a farmer who was working on the water drainage in front of his property. He had been deported from the U.S., leaving behind his family. Upset from leaving his family behind in the U.S., he vented about his anger and frustration of being deported, but seemed happy that the three gringos were willing to listen to his problems. He listened intently as Bro. Wil shared God's love for him. Joy filled his soul as he accepted Christ as his Savior. His deportation resulted in an eternal blessing!
The last two days of ministry were in a new location of Tunshi. Available in Tunshi was a nicely equipped clinic to work out of. A fully functional dental chair made things much more pleasant for the patients. Separate rooms provided privacy for dental, medical and eye patients. A young lady shared with those in the dental clinic how her faith in God resulted in her being healed of pancreatic cancer.

The team completed their 6 days of service treating many patients and witnessing a large number come to faith in Jesus Christ, receiving the free gift of eternal life. Jane Goudelock began a discipleship relationship with Rosa as they packaged medications together. Rosa and her husband own the hotel, where the team stays in Riobamba, and are new believers. Lee Goudelock stayed busy fitting the patients with reading glasses and giving out sunglasses. Billy Windham and Evelyn, an Ecuadorian medical doctor, did a wonderful job treating patients and dispensing medications. Evelyn, a recent medical school graduate, learned a wealth of information from Billy. Don Dumas and Alejandro shared the gospel with all who came to the clinics as well as on the streets. They enjoyed watching the harvest of prepared souls. Bill Clements and John Howell manned the dental clinic. Bill's years of cleaning dental instruments is a testimony to his servants heart. An outstanding team of translators made it possible for the North American team to accomplish the mission. Without the translators, the team would have been helpless!
Bro. Wil's spiritual leading and equipping the team, testified to his hearts desire to share the gospel to as many people as possible. A special THANK YOU for his lifetime of steadfast and unwavering service!

"Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, There are yet four months, then comes the harvest? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and the other reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

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