

The evangelical church in Bayubuc San Jose in the mountains at 11,000 feet overlooking Riobamba was started two years ago with an evangelistic campaign by Alberto Copa. Fourteen people made decisions and endured intense persecution. The church meets in the first floor of the house of a church member. It is filled at each worship service. A member of the church recently donated a large piece of property for a church building.



*Property for a new church in Bayubuc*

Among those we visited was a group of ten people cleaning peanuts. They listened to the Gospel but feared making a public decision because of intense persecution faced by the first group of believers.

On Thursday, April 10, 2014, I celebrated 54 years of preaching the Gospel. What a privilege to share Christ in these high lands in the Andes! This is the only evangelical church and the only believers in four large communities. In house after house as we shared Christ, it was as if they were expecting us to visit them that day. They were more than ready to believe on Christ as their personal savior. Again, I saw God do it!

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□ **We are presenting one-day, three-day weekend, and one week Evangelism Workshops in churches in Latin America.** These are proven practical and effective personal evangelism workshops for pastors and church leaders. The vision for training rural pastors began with a course on personal evangelism while serving as a missionary in Honduras.

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## **ABIDE IN CHRIST**

***I SAW GOD DO IT!***  
***WITH***  
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***"Expect great things from God!  
Attempt great thing for God!"***

***Preaching the Gospel at the  
Devil's Nose, Ecuador***



*School children in a parade  
at Alausi, Ecuador*

"For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:16).

The Devil's Nose is one of the world's best railroad engineering feats. The Ecuadorian railroad travels over a series of switchbacks as it zigzags up a 45-degree rock wall called Nariz del Diablo or the Devil's Nose. The train climbs the steep mountainside passing small villages and Andean lakes. At its highest peak the train has to go backwards up an incline and then forward to climb the steep mountain grade.



*Train climbing the Devil's Nose near Alausi, Ecuador.*

Jerry Starnes and I spent two weeks teaching personal evangelism and going door-to-door with evangelical believers in Alausi, Totoras, and four communities around Baubuc San Jose, Ecuador.



*Jerry sharing Christ in Bayubuc San Jose*

One Sunday night in Riobamba I preached on the resurrection at two different churches. When I finished the sermon, we sped across town to another church.



*New Quichua church in Riobamba.*

There was expectancy like I have never sensed before. It was as if the people we visited were expecting us to visit them that day.



*New believer in Alausi.*

One lady was sitting on the steps to her house holding a child waiting. There was a beautiful response on her face as she responded to the message. She believed on Christ as her savior before we read Romans 10:9-10. It is amazing how the Holy Spirit had prepared her to receive Christ.

We shared Christ with a Quichua family during their lunch break at a large business that sells construction materials and all six believed on Christ.

At Totoras I taught the doctrine of eternal security. At the end of the presentation on the first day, a man who had been a church member for 20 years stood and said he never knew until today class what it meant to put one's trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. That afternoon I taught on the doctrine of justification by faith in Jesus Christ alone.



*Alejandro Guacho team teaching with Wil*

One afternoon we visited a man who had been seen many times by the Jehovah's False Witnesses. He accepted Jesus Christ as his savior and repeatedly thanked us for sharing with him the truth of the real historical, Biblical Jesus Christ.

Jerry received an excellent response to his presentation to the Saturday students at Peniel Theological Seminary in Riobamba. Today there are Peniel seminary classes being taught in Guayaquil, Pallatanga, Guaranda and Riobamba. In May I will be teaching one of their courses in Machala.