

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Partnership missions give you an opportunity to become personally involved in what God is doing in world missions.

Pray daily for the work in Nicaragua and Ecuador.

Give financially. We are a faith mission and are dependent upon your financial gifts. Please pray about becoming involved in the support of our mission. "As long as the Lord provides I will give ... \$25 \$50 \$100 \$___ a month."

Current Needs:

❑ **Pastor and Church Leadership Training Ministry in Ecuador.** Each trip costs approximately \$4,000 and covers airplane tickets, room and board, rent for truck, gas, local workers, textbooks and food for students.

❑ **Pray for Alberto Copa as he coordinates our work in Ecuador.**

❑ **Pray for evangelism saturation teams** to come and do door-to-door evangelism and rallies at night.

❑ **Pray for scholarships for Peniel Theological Seminary students in Riobamba, Ecuador.**

❑ **Pray for Aristides Bustillo and the new church plant in Estelí, Nicaragua. Pray for Evangelism in Depth workshops with Nicaragua Baptist pastors.**

❑ **Pray for wisdom to know where the Lord is leading to conduct evangelism workshops, and where to focus teaching ministry.** We have been asked to return every three months and teach Ecuadorian pastors.



Alberto and Nancy Copa coordinate Abide in Christ in Ecuador. Alberto is a Quichua pastor with 20 years' experience and Rector of Peniel Theological Seminary.

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

***A New Work of Faith in
San Juan Guaboc***



Wil teaching a group of new believers in a home church in the town of San Juan Guaboc, Ecuador.

This is the only evangelical church in a large rural area serving several communities 30 minutes from Riobamba.

"The churches were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily" (Acts 16:5).

I love surprises. Especially when the surprise is an opportunity to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Early Sunday morning in Riobamba I completed my daily 3 mile walk at the hotel and saw some Quichua youth standing around talking. I introduced myself and discovered that they were from Alausi. These youth were here for a World Vision sponsored conference on personal evangelism from a Gospel Missionary Union church in Alausi. The sponsor of the group asked me to give a presentation on witnessing. What a joy! They were extremely attentive. I used Matthew 28:16-20 to encourage them in their walk and witness for Christ.

In the port city of Guayaquil, I taught the 40 hour Peniel Theological Seminary course on the Gospels and Acts. This is one of my favorite group of students and my third course with them. They are always focused, and they have plenty of provocative questions and discussions.



Guayaquil students in the Gospels and Acts.

The following Saturday we drove five hours to Guaranda where Alejandro Guacho teaches two courses each Saturday

at the Peniel extension. He is currently teaching courses on the Gospel of Matthew and one on the doctrine Salvation. Since it was near Easter, he asked me to give a presentation on the Harmony of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ.



Partial view of the class on Matthew at the Peniel extension in Guaranda.

The pastor who coordinates the Peniel classes in Guaranda invited me to speak on evangelism in his church. I also have an invitation to return later this year and speak to the leaders of the churches in Bolivar Province on Bible doctrines, church practice, and organization. There has been an excellent response from the pastors here on previous occasions. As I return to these areas, I feel like the apostle Paul must have felt when he returned to the churches he had started.

I always have a standing invitation to preach at Alejandro's church in Riobamba. On this trip I preached on the rapture of the church.



Wil speaking on personal evangelism in a church in Guaranda.

A group of engineers, teachers, university, and high school students started a church in a home two months ago. They began by watching videos of Alberto Copa's preaching. Then they asked Alberto to come and help them start a church. Alberto's two sons and his daughter and her husband and some Peniel Seminary students hold worship services and have a discipleship class of 20 persons who are being prepared for baptism. I spoke to this group each night for a week on the Roman Road and basic doctrines of our faith.



Some of the new believers discipleship class with professor Damaso at upper left.