



Abide in Christ

Prayer and Praise with
Wil and Ann Pounds

Go and Preach to all the Nations

"GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS ... I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE" (MATT. 28:18-20).

Above picture is the final session at the July 2023 Abide in Christ Bible Conference meeting in the cafeteria at Peniel Seminary. The graduation service was held under the big circus tent. Over 1200 people attended the service.

The mandate has not changed. Go and preach the Gospel to every creature, and make disciples.

"Careless in preaching is criminal, and ignorance is inexcusable," wrote L. S. Chafer.

These were two themes in the preaching at the **13th Annual Abide in Christ Pastor and Student Bible Conference** at Peniel Theological Seminary in July 2023.

As I look back over the preaching and evaluation of these 14 years at Peniel I can say with all my heart I would rather to have dreamed big and failed than to sit and do nothing.

F. B. Meyer said, "You never test the resources of God until you attempt the impossible." God will not give you an opportunity that He cannot provide.

I often ask myself what would I do for Christ if I knew I could not fail? What would you do for Him?

I am confident as we plan for the future ministries of Abide in Christ the Lord is going to use this ministry

for His glory in ways we never dreamed.

I opened this conference with a challenge to the pastors and students to remember God's eternal purpose to preach the Gospel with passion, and a call to decisions for Christ. It is sad, but we live in a day when preachers no longer give invitations, and the call of God for public decisions is a lost art.

Thursday night I preached to a thousand people in the packed tent on Matthew 28:18-20. I challenged them to take the Gospel out of the realm of self-edification and take it to every town and village across el Ecuador and Latin America. At the Friday day conference I continued the emphasis on the Great Commission passages in the four Gospels and Acts. I long to see the day when Peniel will send out missionaries around the world.

Picture on the left is Damaso and Alejandro helping me with one of the break out sessions on how to apply the Great Commission principles in the Department of Missions and Evangelism at Peniel.



Saturday I spoke on the Call of God to Preach and Missions. For the commencement address at the Seminary Graduation service I spoke on Colossians 1:27-28. Our mission goal is to present every person complete in Christ Jesus.

Two other Baptist pastors joined me in presentations at the conference. One from Mexico and one from Ecuador

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST: Pray for the AIC medical dental evangelism team that will be working with the Peniel Seminary Evangelism Department in Guayaquil, Ecuador, October 2-12, 2023.

Beginning September 2023, Peniel will offer a one year certificate in discipleship program to High School students who want a formal Bible training. Upon completion they will



qualify to become students in the regular diploma program at Peniel.

Photo above of the Peniel Seminary campus with the Education building, cafeteria in

back ground and the big circus tent for the Bible confernece, and the July 2023 Peniel graduation in Riobamba, Ecuador.



Below picture of a Quechua wedding Alejandro and I attended. He preached the wedding sermon which was definitely the best sermon I have ever heard in any language on marriage.

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Yes, two full weeks of ministry teaching, preaching and counseling pastors and seminary students.

Always a supper surprise blessing at every graduation. Maria delivered her baby a month ago, completed all her requirements, and graduated with honors! I love our students.

