



# Abide in Christ

Prayer & Praise  
with  
Wil and Ann  
Pounds

## Evangelism in Hard Places

*Pictured above is the October 2017 Abide in Christ Evangelistic Health Ministry Team sharing Christ in three difficult locations high in the Andes mountains of Ecuador.*

Abide in Christ team members have an effective Gospel ministry in difficult, even hostile places, by using medicine as a means of opening doors to present the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our medical-dental-evangelism team just returned from Alao, Anita, and Pataño, Ecuador.

Persecution broke out in the community of Alao immediately after the March team ministered there. We have had three evangelistic health ministry teams share the Gospel in this hardened community.

Alejandro Guacho and Peniel Theological Seminary students continue to follow-up on the presentation of the Gospel in this beautiful community nestled high in the Andes.

**Pantaño is a new location a few miles from the city of Riobamba. There was a good response to the gospel including a community leader who opened his home to meet for worship and Bible study.**

In these three towns and villages

\* we saw 430 medical patients

\*62 dental patients with 76 extractions

\* 198 reading glasses

\* 266 sun glasses

\* 131 people prayed to receive Christ as their Savior.

\* We gave out over 500 New Testaments and a large number of colorful children's booklets on the life of Christ.

One of the individuals I enjoyed sharing Christ with was Antonio. He had lived sometime in the U.S., and had recently returned to Ecuador. In our discussion I discovered that he had listened to HCJB, The Voice of the Andes as a child. He remembered the Gospel message over this missionary radio station in the capital city of Quito. As I shared Christ with him, we saw the marvelous power of God turning him from his hostile bitterness to the joy of saving faith in the death and resurrection of Christ.

A new addition to our team is Dr. Evelyn Muñoz, an Ecuadorian medical doctor. She and her sister both graduated from medical school on the

"Pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you" (2 Thessalonians 3:1).

same day. Evelyn is a very charming person with a love for the people of Ecuador. She and Billy Windham make an outstanding medical team.



*Dr. Evelyn Muñoz & Billy with patients.*





Photo of Abide in Christ retreat for the Professors and Board of Directors at Peniel Theological Seminary.

It has been a great joy seeing how God is using Peniel Seminary since its beginning with 13 students in 2010. The current enrollment is almost

200. The Lord is using these dedicated professors who donate their time and gifts to train men and women to serve Quichua churches and ministries in Ecuador. There are no paid employees at Peniel Seminary.

The property has been paid for and plans have already been approved by the city of Riobamba for the first building. \$10,000 is currently needed to begin the construction.

We anticipate the Quichua churches will assist in the construction of buildings. I am praying that mission minded churches in the U. S. will also help us with construction teams.



At the four day Peniel retreat, Wil gave three presentations on seeking God's vision for Peniel over the next 25 years. The Peniel Board of Directors and seminary professors worked together in groups praying over 10, 5 and 3 year goals for the seminary. Wil concluded the conference with a message on the man God uses from Second Timothy and how Peniel can fulfil its calling as a strong Bible focused, Christ-centered seminary.



Picture above-right is Lee Goudelock measuring eye glasses. On the left is the Evangelism Medical Dental Team giving their report to the Saturday students at Peniel Seminary. Team members were Dr. John Howell, Jane and Lee Goudelock, Billy Windham, Bill Clemens, Don Dumas and Wil Pounds.

One of the beautiful testimonies in the community of Pataño was a woman who had surgery for cancer last year. As she heard the Gospel presented to her by Dr. Howell she placed her faith in Christ and was saved. All during the week we saw people coming to Christ. Please continue to pray as the Peniel team follows-up on these decisions.

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Your gifts and prayers make this ministry possible. Thank you!

**PLEASE PRAY ABIDE IN CHRIST IN 2018**

**\*\*\* URGENT PRAYER FOR FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PENIEL SEMINARY BUILDINGS IN RIOBAMBA, ECUADOR \*\*\***

1. Pray for Alejandro Guacho and Peniel Seminary students following-up on the medical team. Alejandro is the Director of the new Evangelism and Missions Department at the seminary.
2. Pray for courses Wil will be teaching at Peniel, and Evangelism in Depth conferences in Quichua churches in 2018.
4. Pray for conferences in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, at Hebron Baptist Church in November 2018.
5. Pray for Eighth Annual Abide in Christ Pastors' Conference at Peniel Seminary in Riobamba in August.
6. Pray for March 2018 Abide in Christ Evangelistic Health Ministry Team.