



Abide in Christ

Prayer and Praise with
Wil and Ann Pounds

God at Work at Peniel Seminary

Above artist sketch of the new classroom building under construction. Our goal is to have the first floor ready for the January 2021 classes in Riobamba, Ecuador.

Because of coronavirus we can no longer make evangelism trips. However, work began on the construction of the first two buildings at Peniel Seminary in the spring of 2020.



"CALL TO ME AND I WILL ANSWER YOU, AND I WILL SHOW YOU GREAT AND MIGHTY THINGS, WHICH YOU DO NOT KNOW" (JEREMIAH 33:3).

Top center photo of the beginning wall in the cafeteria. Bottom center is one of the steel columns being leveled by sheer manpower. Below is a column being attached to its steel base footing. The foundation is designed to carry up to five stories. Cafeteria is in background.



28 steel columns going up for the classroom building.



Walls going up on the first building which will serve as dual purpose cafeteria and church building.





Columns being constructed for classroom building.

Ten years ago the vision of a Bible seminary for the indigenous Quichua pastors began in the hearts of several pastors who graduated from Hebron Theological Seminary in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. They enjoyed their studies so much that they wanted pastors in Ecuador to experience the same passion studying God's Word. They came back home with that same burning desire. Alberto sold his car in order to have money to file the legal papers with the Ecuadorian government.

The first classes began with 13 students in the home of Alberto and Nancy. The joy of

studying the Word grew and today over 200 students are studying at the main campus in Riobamba, and extensions in other locations.

Abide in Christ began its ministry in Ecuador with these faithful servants at the same time they began their classes. Wil taught evangelism classes and Bible doctrine in Quichua churches were Alberto and others seminary leaders pastored. The relationships grew and Abide in Christ became a vital partnership ministry with Peniel. The seminary is an extension of the ministry of Abide in Christ. We are thankful to our Lord for making this ministry possible. We are even more thankful that during this time of the coronavirus, **He has given us a ministry that will continue for generations to come.**



The 10th Annual Abide in Christ Pastor and Student Conference, and graduation at Peniel Seminary was cancelled in August because of the coronavirus epidemic in Ecuador. Classes have resumed in Riobamba and are being taught at the Nueva Amanecer Bilingual Church which is pastored by Alberto. They have graciously opened their facilities for Peniel to use on Thursdays and Saturdays. Classes at our extensions in the port city of Guayaquil and the capital in Quito have also resumed.

We are planning on construction teams from the U.S. helping in the future as soon as international travel is resumed.

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Dr. Rick Cain: "Peniel means a lot to me, ever since my first mission trip several years ago. The dedication and faithfulness of the leadership is the first thing that allows me to trust the mission and know God's hand is on the seminary. But I love the way ministry is done. . . . I'm very excited to see God's continued development of the vision and ministry of the seminary as it impacts the entire country of Ecuador for the Kingdom of God!"

Dr. John Howell: "To see how God has blessed the vision of one quiet, humble pastor is beyond description. His vision has now become the heart's desire of many brothers and sisters in Christ who join with the seminary in this cross-cultural, international, Christ unified effort. May God be glorified as the building of Peniel Seminary continues both spiritually, physically, and geographically."