



Abide in Christ

Prayer and Praise with Wil and Ann Pounds

TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY!

Above picture Jane Howell and Alejandro Guacho make a home medical evangelism visit.

Below is the November 2021 Peniel Seminary graduation.

What a week of thanksgiving, praise and ministry!

Let me begin by saying thank you for your financial support and prayers for Abide in Christ, Peniel

Again, all I can say is "I saw God do it!"

The November 2021 team began with a beautiful Quechua wedding for Damaso and Maria Francisco. At least 400 people attended with Alberto Copa preaching the sermon, and Wil conducting the wedding ceremony. The amazing fact was the wedding couple chose to put off their wedding from August until

"FROM HIM AND THROUGH HIM AND TO HIM ARE ALL THINGS. TO HIM BE THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN"
(ROMANS 11:36).

We dedicated the new cafeteria and classroom buildings. This was a humbling time of thanksgiving full of joy as we saw how the Lord fulfilled William Carey's motto, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." Only God could accomplish what He has done over the last eleven years.

For three days our Abide in Christ mission team worked with the Ecuadorian Peniel student evangelism team in three extremely hard Catholic communities to start and reinforce new evangelism outreach. We spent one day working with the San Juan de Guabu mission which started with Alberto Copa's family and the Abide in Christ medical dental team four years ago. I also returned on several trips to teach evangelism and discipleship to this new group. They recently built a small church building, and graduates of Peniel serve as pastors and workers.



Theological Seminary, and our evangelism teams. It is great being back in Ecuador ministering.

November so we could participate. You should have seen the facial expressions of joy on the part of our American team who attended.

"Be diligent to present yourself approved of God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

Two other locations are known for hard Catholic areas. We took the medical dental team to Pedro Mullo and Tipiyac. Our last medical patient was introduced by one of Peniel's team as the "firstfruits" of the area. She is a teen who said, "I am a believer in Christ, but my parents are lost." Please pray for



these three communities that the Holy Spirit will use our Peniel students as they return with Alejandro Guacho to follow up on these team visits.

See What God hath wrought!

Picture below is the new classroom building. Our current project is to build the third floor of classrooms.

Dr. Rick Cain, Brad Gaunt, a Quechua pastor from Guyaquil and I preached and taught at the 10th Annual Abide in Christ Pastor and Leadership Conference.

Ann and Jane Howell gave presentations to the Quechua pastors' wives and women students.

Ann spoke on "The Model of a Pastor's Wife," and Jane spoke on how to handle depression, and the health of the pastor's family.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights the public was invited and the big circus tent was packed. We enjoyed beautiful Quechua music and attentive audiences. I signed over 500 certificates of recognition for those who attended.

Perhaps, the most profound moment was the graduation of 19 students who had completed all of the requirements in the four year study program. The women who graduated will serve in Christian education in the Quechua churches, women's ministries and youth. The men go on to pastor Quechua churches along with other ministries.

The big circus tent for the conference and graduation held around 900 people and another two hundred stood outside listening to the graduation service as I preached the graduation message.

Every graduate signed a commitment and gave a verbal agreement to faithfully teach the Bible as the Word of God, live moral lives honoring God, and hold to the doctrines taught at Peniel.

After the Christmas break, the next semester classes will begin in January 2022. What a blessing to have been a part of seeing students studying in large classrooms.

Thank you for the vital part you are playing in preparing God's chosen to preach the Gospel and serve in His churches.

Thank you for praying and supporting the Abide in Christ ministry. We deeply appreciate you and your faithfulness.

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