



Abide in Christ

Prayer and Praise with
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God at Work in Coronavirus

Above photo of construction of the first building on Peniel Theological Seminary campus. This building will serve as dual purpose cafeteria and a church building.

The Lord God continues His work inspite of the China virus. At the end of February we returned with our small evangelism medical team a week before the airports closed. Yes, it was God's perfect timing!

As I write at the end of July, the virus is still spreading across the country. Most of the country is still under lockdown.

I have been teaching the Peniel board of directors and professors each Tuesday night using the ZOOM program over the internet. The response has been amazing.

The first area to open up in Chimborazo Providence was freedom to work in construction. The board and students living in Riobamba immediately went back to work on the first building which will be used as the future cafeteria and the church building.

Our goal from the beginning was to start a new evangelical bilengual church meeting on the seminary property. That vision has become a reality. Pray that as soon as the community opens up to "normal" contact the students and professors will be sharing Christ and beginning Bible studies and worship services on the seminary grounds.

Here are the latest photos I received in the last few weeks of the constructin in July 2020. Thank you for praying and giving!



Students and professors volunteer their time and work together.



Sorry, no concrete trucks here!



"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).

Dr. John Howell writes: "I remember walking over and praying over the barren, un-level lot where sheep grazed. Across the front of the property was an irrigation ditch with a rickety wooden bridge to serve as a crossing point. Circling the back and one side of the lot was a creek that flowed water part of year and was dry other times. The mountain side backdrop displayed many the agricultural crops found in Ecuador along with greenhouses mostly used for growing tomatoes.

From time to time on evangelism and health care trips to Ecuador the teams would stop to walk around and pray over the property; at times walking the boundaries of the property as if God was outlining a "promised land".

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."

Email July 28 from Alberto, "The Peniel board is escavating a section to make the foundation for the classrooms building. There are 2 masons, 4 helpers and volunteers are working. I hope that in three weeks we will be pouring the floors."



Rev. Jerry Starnes observes: "What a blessing it has been these past 10 years watching how God has worked in Riobamba through Peniel Seminary all over Ecuador. I have truly been blessed to participate in mission trips and how this new facility has come into existence. My prayer is that this work continues to be blessed by yielding souls for the Kingdom of God."



The 10th Annual Abide in Christ Pastor and Student Conference, and graduation at Peniel Seminary was cancelled this year because of the virus epidemic. Classes are being taught online using ZOOM. About 10 percent of students live in isolated areas without internet. Plans are being made to include them using DVD recordings.

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. There are 2 things that I feel are critical for the global church in our day. Church planting where there is no evangelical witness presently, and the development of Christian leaders, both through biblical education and practical experience that develops ministry skills. I am so pleased to be able to partner with Peniel in such a small way because these are exactly the things being done through Peniel Theological Seminary. 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!"

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