

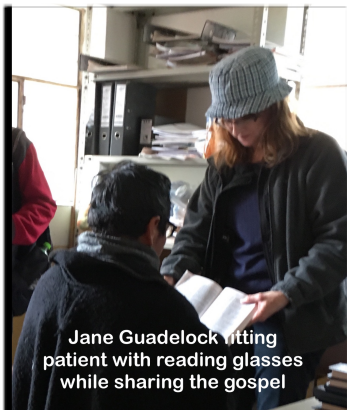
THAT THEIR EYES MAY SEE

John Howell, Jr.



Dia Uno

Awakening to the beautiful Ecuador sky in Quito, I reflected on what a humble team God brought together for the upcoming week of evangelism, discipleship and health care ministry in Alao, Ecuador. Along the way to Riobamba, local vendors lined the roads with their portable stands full of fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers. The beautiful colors of which were decorations in and of themselves.



Jane Guadelock titting patient with reading glasses while sharing the gospel

Dia Dos

The day was delayed when the bus and driver did not show up. After making arrangements for another bus and driver we made it to Alao. Many local Quichuas were there waiting to be examined and treated. The community health clinic was generous enough to allow us the use of their facility. We were off to a steady morning in



Bro. Wil directing patients to appropriate clinic as they wait patiently in line



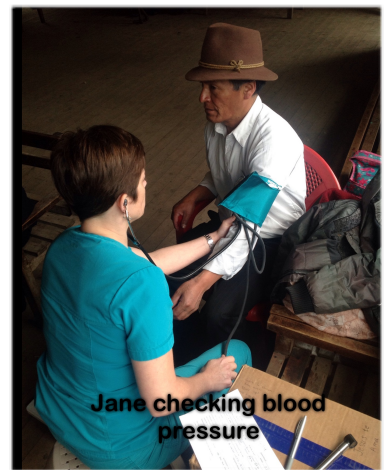
Robbie Wilkerson
entertains young lads

all clinics. After a short break for lunch prepared by some local ladies, it was back to a steady afternoon of work. The persistent rain that fell most of the day did not prevent people from coming to the clinic but more importantly, satan could not prevent those from coming whom God called to salvation this day.

Dia Tres

Returning to Alao for the second day clinics went as usual. A few students were seen first so they could get to school. A Quichua lady named Maria, came to the clinic seeking dental treatment.

Examination indicated a dental issue but more important an emotional and spiritual need. As I shared God's love for her and His desire for her to share in His plan of eternal salvation, she became very emotional and disturbed. With tears flowing from her eyes, she shared with us that she suffered much verbal and



Jane checking blood
pressure



Billy Windham giving diagnosis to husband and
wife as Bro. Wil translates

physical abuse from some people because she was not married. Maria, prayed to received God's free gift of eternal life and several prayed for her and for the one's abusing her. The day in Alao ended with some time for door to door evangelism. A man on his horse, heading home from work, stopped and listened to the plan of salvation. With a smile on his face and joy in his heart, he accepted Christ as his savior.

Dia Quatro

It was a slower than usual day for the clinics. The most inspiring part of the day was when Maria returned to have another tooth extracted. She was a changed person. Her joyful presence was an encouragement to us all. Bro. Wil and Alejandro prayed for her and the persecution she is



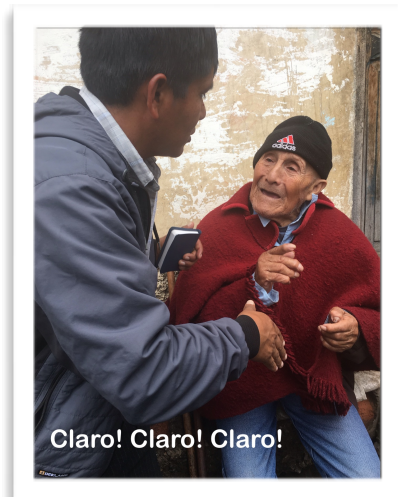
Israel Copa assists Dr. Rick Cain
with dental anesthesia

experiencing. Alejandro invited her to his weekly bible study but she was afraid to associate with him because of the possibility of more persecution. Tomorrow we will move across the river to another area of Alao.



Bro Wil giving directions on how to take medicine

Dia Cinco
Crossing the river to the southern section of Alao, we arrived at the school. There was a large group of people waiting on us to arrive. A steady stream of people continued to flow through the clinics the entire day, the souls of many which were ripe for harvest. Mostly they were in physical need of medicine and eye glasses, more so than dental. Israel, Alejandro and myself walked up the road to the local pulperia to purchase some drinks for lunch. On the way back, being led by the spirit, we walked around a walk to a small house where an elderly man was sitting beside the door. Apparent from his physical presentation and voice, he was in poor health and nearing the end of his years. He only spoke Quicha. Alejandro shared the gospel with him going through the Roman Road. Beginning with John 3:16, after every verse the old man would respond, "claro, claro, claro"! Our sovereign God had scheduled this particular time and drew this man to himself for salvation. What a glorious blessing to watch this man receive God's free gift of eternal life as God had ordained in eternity past!



Claro! Claro! Claro!



The look of a mother's love who is unable to speak or hear

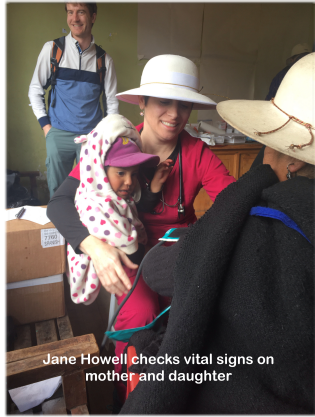
to to finish the week. The constantly busy all week to the had been the least busy which dental trips, dental need of the much as medical and eye change in future dental needs drinks being consumed by cautioned parents not to allow and acidic products. This will is in the USA (pun intended)! Not patients, gave us time to share The highlight of this day was Quichua woman receive Christ. old she was but she left the clinic

Dia Seis - Thursday was another busy day of clinics. Eye glasses had been very desirable item for locals and there were just enough



Alejandro sharing Jesus with an elderly Quichua lady who does not know her age

medical clinic had been very end. The dental clinic confirmed, as did previous Quichuas is not needed as glasses. My expectation is a due to the candy and soft children and youth. We their children to have sugar probably be as effective as it being overloaded with dental the gospel with each patient. witnessing an elderly This lady had no idea how experiencing a new birth,



Jane Howell checks vital signs on mother and daughter

knowing she has eternal life.

Dia Siete - Reflecting on the week, we spent the day in some of the local shops, admiring local handmade clothes, shoes, leather and decor. The talent and beauty of the Quichua people is displayed in their colorful hand made textiles. What has been lost in many cultures is still present with the Quichua people.

Dia Ocho - Rick and Jerry shared with the senior students at Peniel Seminary before we headed back to Quito to fly home. What an amazing week of watching God use the hands and feet of a small group of humble, willing servants to share the love of Christ in Alao, Ecuador. To God be the glory! Amen!



Jerry Starnes witnessing to Quichua ladies



Left to right: John Howell, Jane Howell, Alejandro Guacho Coro, Jerry Starnes, Robbie Wilkerson, Jane Goudelock, Wil Pounds, Billy Windham, Rick Cain