



Abide in Christ

Prayer and Praise with Wil and Ann Pounds

See what God hath wrought!

Above picture of the third floor of the Education Building at Peniel Theological Seminary May 2022. It will be ready for dedication by July at our 11th Annual Abide in Christ pastor student conference, and graduation in Riobamba.

Below is the graduation of the May 2022 Seminary Extension in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

extension. There is excitement among the students as they promote the opportunity to study the Bible and prepare for future ministry.

COVID held some students back from completing the required courses in time for this graduation, so they will graduate next year. Each year we have new students

"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).

One of the graduates is Janeth whose dissertation was on "The Role of the Woman in the Quechua Church." Not only was her written project of superior quality, but her oral presentation was the quality of graduates in our colleges and seminaries in the U. S.



We recently had our first graduation of students at our Peniel Seminary extension in the port city of Guayaquil on the Pacific coast. This has been the fastest growing

beginning their course work. More and more are university graduates who have chosen to pursue their studies in Christian ministry at Peniel.



Another exceptional presentation was a student who had been

accepted on "probation" because his family was so poor he had to drop out of grammar school. He was so determined to get his education that he studied on his own for years. God called him to the Gospel ministry, and four years ago he came to Peniel asking to be allowed to study the Bible. He completed all the required courses with honors. His thesis was on "The Difficulty of Putting into Practice Christian Values in our Culture." He was also chosen by the graduates to give the student sermon at graduation.

What a joy and privilege it was for me to preach the graduation message, and present degrees to graduates along with the professors and board members.

I also gave twelve Bible studies to the leadership in seven churches pastored by Peniel board members in the city of Riobamba.



Alejandro and I had the opportunity of sharing the Gospel with a man on our way back to Riobamba after graduation services. He was open to hearing the Roman Road. In our conversation we learned that he is a catechist in a Roman Catholic Church.

Alejandro and I also went to several locations where seminary students do field mission assignments each Sunday. These required assignments are under the guidance

of the ministry of the Evangelism and Missions Department at Peniel. Students put into practice what they are learning in classes. Each group has a professor-pastor directing the ministry.

Pictured on the left is Alejandro witnessing to the owner of a roadside restaurant as we ate a late breakfast.

One of our graduates in the Pallatanga extension was recently ordained to the Gospel Ministry and is pastoring a group who accepted Christ as their savior in a rural community where our medical dental team ministered before the COVID. When our team returned to the States, he and two students began follow-up visits teaching a Bible study and discipleship in a small group. Thirteen have now been baptized.

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

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Each graduate gives a written and a verbal commitment to faithfully serve our Lord and be faithful to the Peniel declaration of faith.