



Abide in Christ

Prayer and Praise with
Wil and Ann Pounds

Workman Approved of God

Above photo of completed Education Building at Peniel Theological Seminary housing classrooms, library, and administration.

Fourteen years ago the Lord gave Alberto Copa a vision of establishing a Bible centered seminary to train Quechua pastors and church leaders. He began with ten students in his home, and under the Lord's guidance, over two hundred students have graduated in Riobamba and extensions in several other cities.

I have had the privilege of being involved in Peniel from the very beginning. I have watched how the Lord has blessed the outreach and ministry of students in Quechua churches. I can say with all my heart, Peniel is God's work. He started it, has blessed it, and is using it for His glory to build His church.



A photo of the announcement at the 2024 graduation that Peniel Theological Seminary is now fully accredited through Rumiñahui University in Quito, Ecuador.

"BE DILIGENT TO PRESENT YOURSELF APPROVED TO GOD AS A WORKMAN WHO DOES NOT NEED TO BE ASHAMED, ACCURATELY HANDLING THE WORD OF TRUTH" (2 TIM. 2:15).

At our August 2024 graduation we celebrated an agreement with Rumiñahui University in Quito, Ecuador, which gives all graduates of Peniel academic standing in the country of Ecuador. They graduate with a degree from Peniel, and can then continue one more year at Rumiñahui completing all their requirements for graduation and receive a degree in Pastoral Theology. All Peniel course credits are accepted at Rumiñahui. They can then continue, if they choose, to pursue a Master's degree.

In August for the graduation celebration, Peniel published my 200 page exegetical commentary on Paul's letter to the Philippians. It will be used as a textbook for the seminary course on Philippians.



Damaso and Maria Francisco are our missionaries who serve with Peniel Theological Seminary. He is the Academic Dean and she teaches women in Quechua churches. Damaso is a graduate of Hebron Theological Seminary in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, and Maria is a graduate of Peniel. Damaso has been associated with Peniel since its beginning 14 years ago. We have observed how the Lord has blessed and used this couple in the seminary and Ecuador.

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A PERSONAL VISION FULFILLED

During the last few years, I have been praying for our accreditation as a Bible-centered seminary in Ecuador. The Catholic government does not grant academic standings to evangelical institutions. However, our association with Rumiñahui University gives us that standing. In the eyes of the government and the community, we are now a Bible seminary with a professional university degree. The Board of Trustees, President of the University, and Chairman of the Department of Pastoral Theology are all committed evangelical Christians.

In September I will return with the AIC Medical Dental Evangelism team to Guayaquil, Ecuador and will work with Damaso and Alejandro and Peniel seminary students' evangelism teams that we have trained.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for Evangelism Teams in Ecuador and Peniel Seminary.
2. Pray for Aristides Bustillo and his ministry with pastors and church leaders in Nicaragua.
3. Pray for the Lord's direction for the beginning of a new work in Bolivia and El Salvador in 2025.

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