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WORDS FROM OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR

"These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes..." (Revelation 14:4b). I love this description that John of Patmos uses to describe the people of God. He very clearly communicates what following Jesus means: to follow Him wherever He goes. In the case of the mission that has been entrusted to the ministry of CECE, this means to follow Jesus wherever He goes in the university and workplace, and to come together and support the work He is already doing in these places.

To follow the Lamb, according to the book of Revelation, means that we must be faithful witnesses to the Faithful Testimony – it is worth the redundancy – that Jesus is and points to the true God and His justice. The Faithful Testimony that unmasks the vanity of the idolatry and corruption of the system created by the beast, and at the same time presents the holistic promise of the new heaven and new earth. To follow the Lamb and to be his witnesses is a serious and demanding commitment, in the biblical text it is happening in a context of power struggles; but it is also a calling filled with hope, as it is lived out and announces the restoration of all things in Christ. In light of this, we are able to affirm with certainty the three key words that have accompanied our study through the book of Revelation: Life, Resistance, and Hope.

The Lord Jesus Christ was good to give John of Patmos a "virtual reality" experience. John experienced a series of visions that would reinvigorate his Christian imagination, and that of other followers, about Jesus Christ, His church, their history, and the future. In this way, the Lord empowered John of Patmos and the rest of His followers to continue to be His faithful witnesses.

CECE is completing yet another year of ministry. Amid obstacles and opportunities, we can affirm that with God's help we have done our best to follow the Lamb wherever he goes. On average, we had 28 University Groups (GUs) sharing the gospel and exploring the Scriptures with 151 students every week on 19 universities in 7 cities throughout the country. Adding to these numbers, in recent weeks, we have University Groups being planted in three new cities: University of Cuenca, University of the Peninsula (Santa Elena), and the University of Manta, and even more GUs starting in cities where we already have a thriving ministry. Add to this the various evangelistic initiatives that students carried out on their campuses and the commitment of the five Professionals Groups that met regularly this year! Obviously more can always be done and it can always be done better, but here we are with all we have achieved in 2019. I am so happy to see the enthusiastic work of students, professionals, and staff to proclaim the good news of the Gospel!

This enthusiastic work is not done in vain. Truly the students and professionals are the protagonists in the mission we have as a ministry. Nevertheless, there are additional groups that through their dedication and sacrifice allow this testimony to be possible. In these groups are the members of the National Board, the Pastoral Staff Team, the administrative assistant, the members of the National Coordination of Students, the National Communications Team, the Organization Commission, church and organizational partners and friends, and our donors. It fills me with great joy to see the sacrificial dedication of every one of them given for the cause of the Gospel through the ministry of CECE!

This is the last Annual Report where I will be addressing you. At the end of this Report, you will find the words of Ruth Hicks, CECE's new National Director, addressing you. For seven years I have served as National Director. I was nominated and ratified for this role in 2012. The work was demanding, sometimes it seemed impossible, but above all it was a privilege to see the hand of the Lord working through all those involved in CECE.

I am leaving this role, but I am not leaving CECE. In different ways I will be supporting the work of CECE, its new National Director, and its students and professionals. May the Spirit continue empowering us to follow the Lamb wherever He goes!



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MINISTRY LIFE

Those that are a part of CECE understand that backbone of all we do as a ministry is to reach the lives of university students with the Gospel. In this way, we have been witnesses of the work of our Lord Jesus Christ in many ways. In this section of the Annual Report, we give a special emphasis to five areas of the Ministry Life of CECE: Student Initiatives, Professionals Ministry, Global Partners & Interinstitutional Relationships, New Life, Special Events, and the National Board.



Student Initiatives

University Groups

University Groups (GUs) are small groups of students created by students inviting their classmates to meet in the university to study the Bible and relevant/contextual topics from the perspective of the Christian faith, thus causing an impact in the lives of their friends and classmates with the Gospel of Jesus.

This year we had approximately 28 GUs at a national level that represented 19 universities located in 7 cities (Ambato, Guayaquil, Ibarra, Loja, Portoviejo, Quito and Riobamba). In these weekly studies, we were able to share with an average of 151 university students in 2019.

Proxi

Proxi is a tool that we use to present the Gospel through a contextualized conversation around relevant themes on campus. In the last few years we have implemented this tool on almost every university where we have GUs. We currently have proxis that tackle the topics of Christmas, suffering, the future, stress, creation care, and more. This year, various GUs have used proxis on campuses to evangelize to their friends and classmates.



Genesis Project



In 2018 we studied the book of Genesis. One outcome of this study was a project that launched nationally called the Genesis Project. The Project invited its participants to reflect on Creation care and to respond to this reflection with concrete actions.

The Genesis Project had three elements:

1. An 8-week Inductive Study about Creation care from the book of Genesis
2. Evangelism efforts using the Genesis Proxi
3. A service project to apply what we have studied and care for Creation on our campuses

Even though the Genesis Project was a 2018 initiative, we have still seen impacts in 2019. During National Camp, an idea from a University Group in Ibarra was made a reality. We handed out around 100 cloth shopping bags with the CECE and Genesis Project logos. Students that received the bag made a commitment to give a workshop in their family about the impact of plastics and the importance of Creation care in the context of families.



Another initiative we saw in 2019 was the Recycle and Donate event that started in 2018 on the UDLA campuses that was re-created this year in the Universidad Católica in Quito. This initiative that invites students to recycle clothing and collect non-perishable foods was accompanied by a conference about the lifecycle of clothing and was carried out in cooperation with the Ecology Club on campus which has been working with their own project to implement urban gardens on university campuses.

Mark Drama

The Mark Drama is a dramatized version of the Gospel with around 15 students that lasts a total of 90 minutes – no costumes, no accessories, no professional actors. In this contextualized



presentation of the Gospel for a contemporary audience, viewers experience the message of hope presented in the play and are encouraged to reflect on the life of Jesus and who He is.

This year, the Mark Drama was presented in the city of Guayaquil on two separate occasions (one church and at the University of Guayaquil) which was quite a challenge for the 18 students that were involved. Staff worker William Murillo, of Guayaquil, accompanied the effort as the director and we hope that in the coming years this resource

will have even more impact as William accompanies the efforts in other cities.

Currently, there is a new group of students preparing themselves to present this play on campuses at various universities in Quito.

Professionals Ministry

The Professionals Ministry is another important element in CECE's mission. This year we have been able to refine our work in this area, which is under the supervision of staff worker Jouseth Moya. This year there have been around 40 professionals involved in the five groups offered in four different cities. Of these five Professionals Groups, two are new this year: one in Quito and the other in Riobamba. The materials being reviewed in these groups are: "Where is God on Monday?"; "Tendrán Nuevas Fuerzas"; "Shining like Stars"; "Limits"; and the CETI Certification (Theological Studies) which was recently completed by our first group of 8 professionals in Quito.



Global Partnerships & Interinstitutional Relationships

International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES)

CECE is part of an international family. We are an affiliated movement of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES), which has affiliated movements in more than 170 countries throughout the world. As an affiliated member, CECE participated with a delegation of six in this year's World Assembly which was celebrated in South Africa in July. Additionally, CECE invited David Bahena, Regional Secretary of IFES Latin America to be the plenary speaker during this year's National Camp which focused on the book of Revelation. We also had Marina Medina, member of the Regional Team for IFES Latin America visit Ecuador to give a workshop on Indigenous Support Development to help local staff be better equipped to raise full support for their annual budget and continue to serve on campus.



InterVarsity/USA

This year we maintained a cooperation agreement with InterVarsity/USA. This agreement allows for the continued full-time work of Brett Schaffner as a staff worker in the city of Quito. In August of this year, Brett renewed his contract with InterVarsity and CECE for a period of two more years, which will end in 2021. We also received a team of six students and two staff workers from InterVarsity for three weeks in May. This group visited various universities and helped with evangelism initiatives, service projects and engaged with Ecuadorian culture during their visit.

TSCF New Zealand

During August of this year, Josué and Ruth Olmedo visited TSCF in New Zealand as part of their periodic trips to maintain and expand our partnership with our sister IFES movement in New Zealand. CECE and TSCF remain committed to strengthen their partnership in our shared mission.

Ecumenical Projects Committee

The Ecumenical Projects Committee is a social organization that finances rural development and education projects. Since 2016, CECE has been one of four operating entities to direct scholarship funds for university students. In CECE, we have nine scholarship recipients. This cycle of scholarships will end in 2021 and we hope to continue being an operating entity for the next round of scholarships.

Partnering with the Ecumenical Projects Committee has been very beneficial for CECE scholarship recipients.

Help for our Brothers

Help for our Brothers is a Christian organization, headquartered in Germany, that directs funds for diverse projects. This year, CECE received funds for the development of our staff workers. Thanks to these funds, we were able to finance the following for our staff: two staff training retreats, staff participation in various events nationally and internationally, and the purchase of Christian literature for their ministry and pastoral development.

“My challenge as a student and soon-to-be professional is to attempt to integrate the truth of the Gospel in my life and in my profession”.

***-Wendy
CECE Quito, USFQ***

New Life

In the last quarter of 2019, we have seen various University Groups start meeting, some in cities that are totally new for CECE! Even though they fall outside the dates of this Annual Report, we wanted to share the testimonies, stories, and “coincidences” of how these new GUs have come to be. We praise God for these new initiatives!

Cuenca

As a result of the Transition Celebration that took place in Cuenca in October, Josué Olmedo met up with Rebeca, Deborah and Daniela, university students, to share about the vision of CECE and to encourage them to start a GU in their university. We are beginning to see the fruit of this initial meeting, as through the initiative of these three women, we have a GU in the city of Cuenca for the first time in many years. Praise God! This GU has been meeting for about two months. Join us in prayer that these efforts be consolidated and fruitful.

Guayaquil

In Guayaquil, two new University Groups began to meet in October. The first GU opened in the Gastronomy faculty. This GU is led by Yulady and Steven. Yulady was invited to a CECE group about a year ago where she came to know Jesus. She is now leading a GU in her faculty where they are reviewing the material “The 5 love languages” with an average of 6 students, of which 50% are non-Christians. Pray for this group, that more first- and second-year students can attend, for the future student leader of the group, and that there will be even more interest in the GU as they begin to study a gospel together.

The second new GU in the city of Guayaquil is in the Philosophy faculty at the University of Guayaquil. This GU started as a result of the sister of Yulady (the student leader from the first story) not being able to attend the group due to a scheduling conflict. She asked for the help from a GU that had 4 student leaders to start something new in her faculty, and a student leader was happy to partner with her! Pray for this new GU: for more participants, for those in the group that don’t know Jesus personally, and for future student leaders.

Manta



Manta! To God be the glory! Pray for the effort of these students, that it be well supported and bear fruit.

“These past months have been challenging to meet: protests, changes in schedules, classes being called at the last minute... but I am grateful to God for the time that we have shared as a GU in the Universidad Técnica de Ambato; that week after week we have studied the Gospel of Mark. I also thank God for each student that has opened their heart to get to know CECE and to be a part of our family...”

***-Cristina
CECE Ambato, Asesora***

Quito

In Quito, a new University Group has been planted at the UTE University. This GU started after a couple of conversations with a UTE student that attended the World Student Day event hosted by CECE Quito. Staff workers Andrea Utreras and Daniel Castillo started to work with this student and another UTE contact from a local church. They began to meet and talk about the needs that exist at this university. These students listened as the staff explained our mission and vision statements and left with a desire to plant a GU on their campus.

This new GU is exploring the Gospel of Mark using the Swedish Method. They have been meeting regularly since October and have an average of four students attending the group. We celebrate this planting initiative and the students committed to the Word, with the desire to share the Gospel with their classmates!

Riobamba

At the end of the first semester, Daniel, a university student, commented to his staff worker, Julia Henrich, that he wanted to start a GU in the Universidad Nacional de Chimborazo (UNACH), as there were various contacts there. In the weeks that followed, two students committed to a time of planning and praying for the opening of a new GU. Once it was decided, students began to invite everyone they knew at the UNACH to this new CECE group. Since October the GU has been formally meeting with an average of five students where they are studying the Gospel of Mark using the Swedish Method.

In Riobamba, a new Professionals Group has also been planted this year. As a result of two professionals participating in CECE's National Camp in March, they started conversations with staff worker, Jouseth Moya, to start a Professionals Group in their city. This group started as many of our GUs do, with some planning and a lot of invitations. Currently around five to seven professionals in Riobamba are meeting regularly to explore the book "Where is God on Monday?".



Santa Elena

After a trip to Canada to participate in a training on Pioneering Groups, staff worker Guadalupe Muñoz made a trip to Villamil. There, through an unexpected connection, Guadalupe met Tatiana, a student (now Bible study leader) from the Universidad Estatal Península de Santa Elena (USPE). Guadalupe decided to follow the leading of the Spirit and share with Tatiana about CECE and after this conversation they set up a second, then a third meeting.

The University Group in the UPSE started about one month ago and they have had three meetings in this time. They are exploring the Gospel of Mark using the Swedish Method. A challenge for this group is that Tatiana is in her second-to-last semester, currently working on her thesis, which makes it very difficult to plant a new GU.

A little over a year ago, a student had started planting a GU in this same university and we are very excited to see continued efforts by students to re-start this GU. Join us in praying for Tatiana and Guadalupe, for more participants, and for a future Bible study leader for this GU.

Special Events

Fondotón 2019



The Fondotón is a national event which has the goal of helping more students to hear about CECE and our work on university campuses throughout Ecuador and to also invite our networks of friends and family to support the ministry through prayer and financial support. The donations given towards the Fondotón contribute a significant portion of our budget and help us fulfill our calling to serve students in a sustainable way.

This year, the Fondotón 2019 took place in January. We had around 120 participants who ran for one hour to raise funds for evangelism and training spaces. These participants raised a little

over \$8,200.

Fondotón 2020

This year we are managing a change in dates for the Fondotón, as it is being formally moved to the month of November where it will finance the ministry efforts of the following year (2020). With the new date, we decided to launch a new design for the Fondotón as well. A new logo, new videos and other new promotional products to help students share about the mission of CECE to see students



come to know Jesus and engage with His

Word on campuses throughout the country. We also shared new resources with students to better track donations and pledges to operate with even more transparency. In the Fondotón 2020, we had over 90 participants nationally who are working to raise funds for CECE's ministry in 2020.

If you are interested in donating towards the Fondotón 2020, there is still time! You can sponsor a specific student or have your gift go to the general fund where it will be used for National Camp and given out as scholarships for students with financial need. To make your donation,

you can follow the steps in the section of the Annual Report titled "Partner with us in Mission". All the gifts given towards the Fondotón help to create spaces and resources for evangelism, discipleship, and training throughout the year.



EL FONDOTÓN

National Camp

In March, we hosted our National Camp (CN). The CN is one of our most important spaces for discipleship. For a total of five days, students from throughout the country are trained and encouraged through the Word and various workshops that provide tools and strengthen their abilities to carry out the mission on their campuses.

This year, National Camp took place in Quito and had 121 participants (78 students, 24 professionals). The focus of this year's Camp was the book of Revelation with our theme of "Life, Resistance, Hope". This year we had a special guest, David Bahena, the General Secretary of IFES Latin America, as our plenary speaker for the biblical expositions.

"Participating in National Camp changed my life... and it changed the way I think and act in a big way... The teachings that I received at National Camp changed me and have given me the power to live a different life".

*-David
CECE Loja, UTL*

Student Leader Formation Event

“At EFE I was able to see how students are willing to search after God and willing to serve their universities. What I liked and what surprised me is that they are students, students that will be teaching on their campuses about the Kingdom of God”.

*-Jhon
CECE Quito, UPS Sur*

In August, in the city of Riobamba, we met with 50 student leaders for the Student Leader Formation Event (EFE). In this event, students were trained and challenged to carry out the mission on their campuses, where God has placed each one of them.

This year’s EFE offered various talks and workshops that are relevant to the reality that university students encounter in daily life. Themes such as: Managing social networks from a Christian perspective; Time management, Mental health of a believer, Planning for a University Group, Singleness, and other topics were offered and explored. EFE serves as a space to train up a new generation of student leaders for the ministry.

World Assembly 2019

In July, CECE participated in World Assembly 2019, an IFES event that takes place every four years, with a delegation of six members. World Assembly is where the more than 170 national movements of the IFES come together to make decisions for the ministry, praise God, listen to biblical teachings, share cultures, and further develop themselves through workshops.

This year’s World Assembly took place in Bela Bela, South Africa with the theme “Messengers of Hope”. CECE was represented by student, Antonella Asimbaya and staff workers Brett Schaffner, Carlos Ruiz (SIM missionary serving CECE students), Guadalupe Muñoz, Jouseth Moya and Ruth Hicks, who served at World Assembly with various roles (translation, workshop facilitators, etc.) and participated in various workshops that have served the ministry here in Ecuador upon their return.

We praise God for the possibility of sending six delegates to World Assembly and for the impact that these six will have as they share what they received with students throughout Ecuador.



Liturgy Workshop

In June, we invited a good friend from our IFES family, Joel Sierra, to visit us in Ecuador. Joel is from Mexico and serves as a pastor in the Comunidad Bautista Jireh in Monterrey. He is a musician, author-composer, and is fairly well-known in evangelical circles in Latin America. He has served with COMPA (the IFES movement in Mexico) since he was a biology student.

Joel led two liturgy workshops during his time here, one for CECE and one that was open for the community of churches in Ecuador. He also led a time of worship during a concert that night. In the CECE liturgy workshop, we had around 35 students from throughout the country attend. During the workshop for churches, we had around 60 people in attendance representing 18 different churches! That night at the concert, we had around 250 praising with us!

On top of these three events, Joel met with a small group composed of students, professionals and staff representing various cities to start to work on an official song for CECE. In August, during EFE 2019, the song, “Cristo en la Universidad” (Christ in the University) was premiered.

World Student Day

World Student Day (DME) is an international event where over 170 IFES movements come together on the third Friday in October to pray for and celebrate the mission we have on university campuses throughout the world. As CECE, we participated in this event with a variety of activities on campuses throughout the country on October 18th. We met and prayed for all the University Groups in Ecuador and also spent time interceding for IFES movements throughout the world.



During World Student Day, some GUs handed out candy with a message of hope attached, others connected with IFES movements in other countries via video call to learn about their ministry context and pray together. So much creativity was expressed this year in serving campuses, but the one thing that every group did was spend time praying for their campuses, for the country of Ecuador, and for the mission we have on universities throughout the world.

InterVarsity/USA Global Program Visit

During the month of May, we received an InterVarsity team from Florida and Nebraska; a culturally diverse group that came with the desire to serve and learn. This team traveled to various cities in Ecuador (Quito, Ibarra, Guayaquil, Cuenca, and Loja) over the three weeks they visited us. In these cities, they partnered with us in various initiatives: Bible studies, GU invitations, Proxi, participating in the Genesis Project, 24 hours with a student, and prayer walking an unreached campus.

Political Crisis in Ecuador

From October 3rd to 13th, Ecuador experienced a severe political crisis. As a ministry, we want to recognize here the positive action taken by many of our members during this time. Various students served in community kitchens, watching children, and in medical brigades. Additionally, a two-week Bible study was created after the crisis to help students reflect on what they experienced while exploring the society described in Revelation 7. It was titled "One New Humanity", connecting with World Student Day's theme, and also pointed towards the ministry of reconciliation the Church is blessed to carry out. Our prayer is that the Lord continues to give us energy, creativity, and commitment to pray and work towards a more just country where *shalom* (integral wellbeing) is maximized for all people and for the rest of creation.

"Getting to know the students from InterVarsity was a huge blessing because we could see how God was at work in their lives and how He was encouraging them to share the Gospel. We shared testimonies, sang, and served together as brothers and sisters in Christ..."

*-Madeline
CECE Quito, UCE*

National Board

The National Board is the responsible entity for the governance of our organization and is composed of nine members, including the National Director and two student representatives. The Board is responsible for the administrative and organizational health of CECE. It meets four times a year to monitor and evaluate all pending matters regarding the administration and mission of CECE. Adding to these tasks, this year the Board implemented various maintenance and repair projects at our National Office, the CECE House.

This year, the National Board finalized the process of transition of leadership and search for the person that would become the next National Director. After the creation of a job profile, invitation to various candidates, revision of applications, interviews with the postulants, other dialogue spaces with each candidate, consultations with students and staff, and prayer, the National Board made the decision to appoint Ruth Hicks as the National Director, a decision that was ratified unanimously in the General Assembly in November.

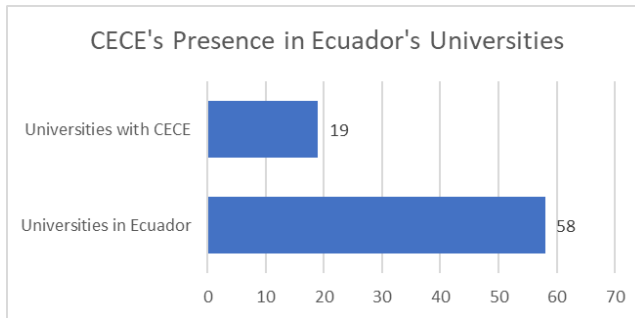
Another significant moment during this year's General Assembly, which is the highest governing body of CECE, was the election of the new National Board, which will serve the ministry for the next three years, with the participation of nine full members and three substitute members.

We thank the Board that served us for these past three years: Irma Padilla, Edwin Chamorro, Daniel Macías, Miguel Peñafiel, Edith Salvador, Andrés Galarza and Nury Devia. We also thank the new National Board, with reelected and new members: Irma Padilla, Edwin Chamorro, Daniel Macías, Iliana Ninahualpa, Merwin Chávez, Daniela Larrea, Luis Flores, Edith Salvador, Hugo Vásquez, and Josefina T. de Chinchín for the next three years of service to CECE.



OUR GROWTH

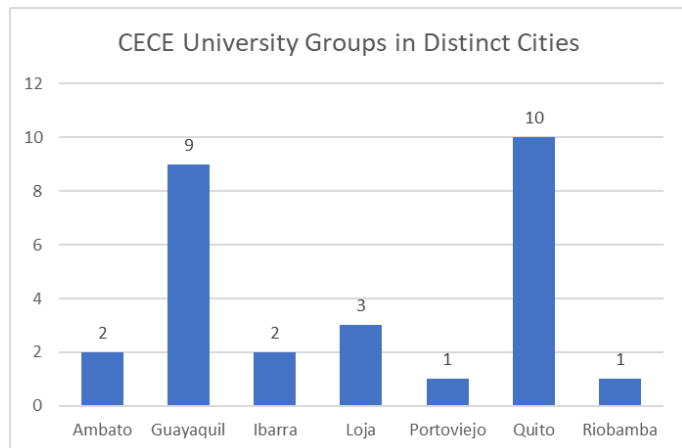
CECE's Presence in Ecuador's Universities



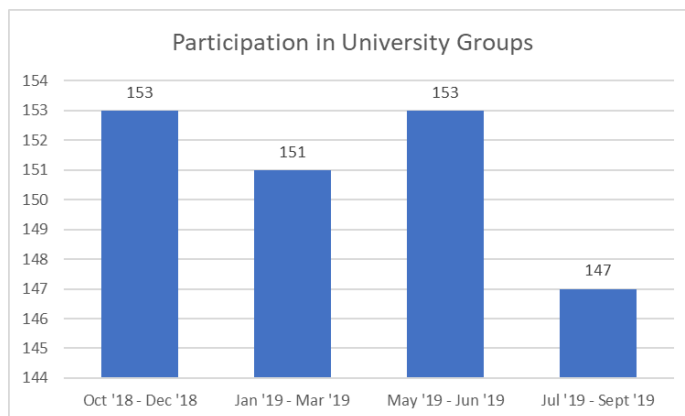
During 2019, CECE has been present in 19 universities throughout the country, in seven different cities. During the last quarter of this year, planting efforts began to open GUs in two new cities on the coast, Manta and Santa Elena, and pioneering efforts have also started in the city of Cuenca. We pray that the efforts of these students be met with fertile ground in these cities and that they bear fruit.

CECE Groups in Distinct Cities

In 2019, the GUs in the various cities have been very active in their mission within the University. We had a total of 28 stable GUs in 7 cities throughout the country. Finishing out this year, pioneering efforts have been occurring in three cities: Manta, Santa Elena and Cuenca; as well as pioneering efforts on new campuses and new faculties in cities we already have GUs: Guayaquil, Quito, and Riobamba.

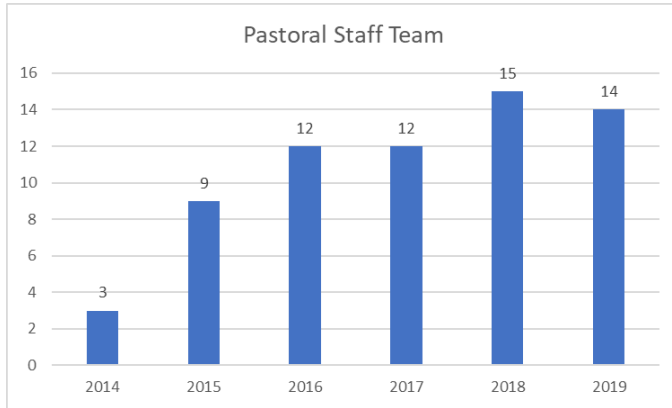


Participation in University Groups



The ministry being carried out by students in the different GUs in Ecuador has had an average attendance of 151 students nationally. The 7 cities and 28 GUs mentioned in prior graphics are represented in these numbers.

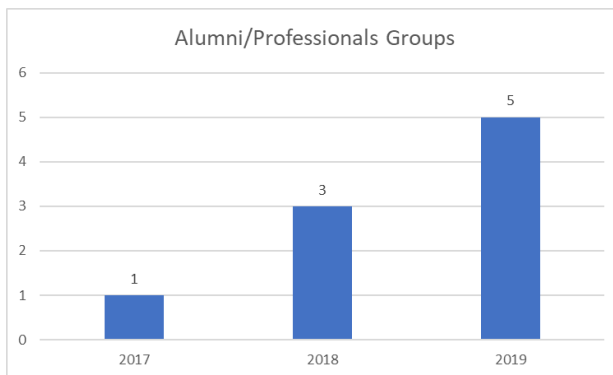
Pastoral Staff Team



Since 2014, CECE has grown in its incorporation of new part-time staff workers. As 2020 starts, we will be receiving applications for new Intern Staff and a new space to serve, Graduate Volunteers.



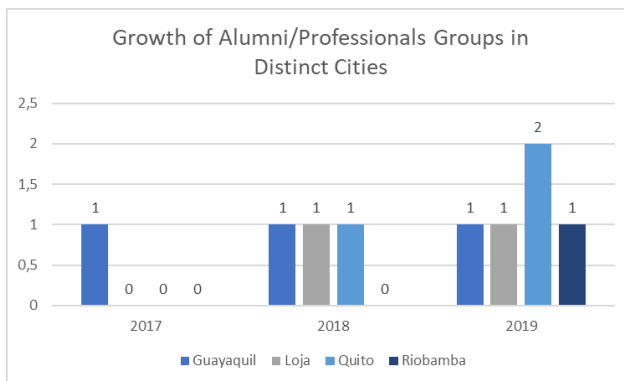
Alumni/Professional Groups



In 2019, we saw 2 new Professionals Groups start, 1 in Quito and 1 in Riobamba.

We also saw an increase of 42% in the average number of participants in Professionals Groups this year!

Growth of Alumni/Professional Groups in Distinct Cities



With the new Professionals Groups in Quito and Riobamba, we totaled 5 Professionals Groups nationally in 4 cities.

Between the various Professionals Groups, we saw 20 new professionals begin to participate this year. We also saw professionals begin to serve more both inside and outside of CECE, in: Local CECE groups; Churches; Workplaces.

Blogs

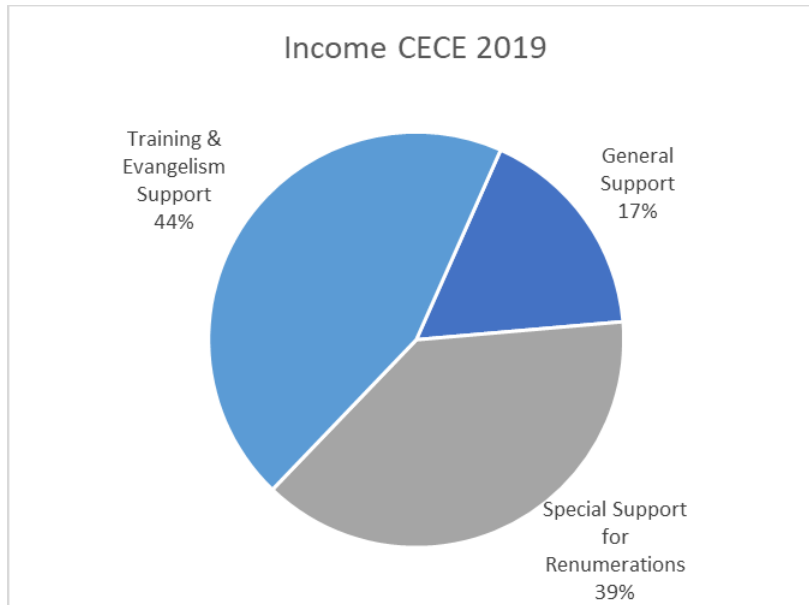
From October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019, we published a total of 52 blogs on our website. The blog that had the most views was "[Mayordomía cristiana: Administración de tiempo y dinero](#)" ("Christian stewardship: Administration of time and money"), written by Shirley Coral where she tells of her experiences and take-aways from the Andean Christian University Student Conference (ECUA) that she attended a few months prior in Cochabamba, Bolivia. This post received 1,234 views at the time of this publication.



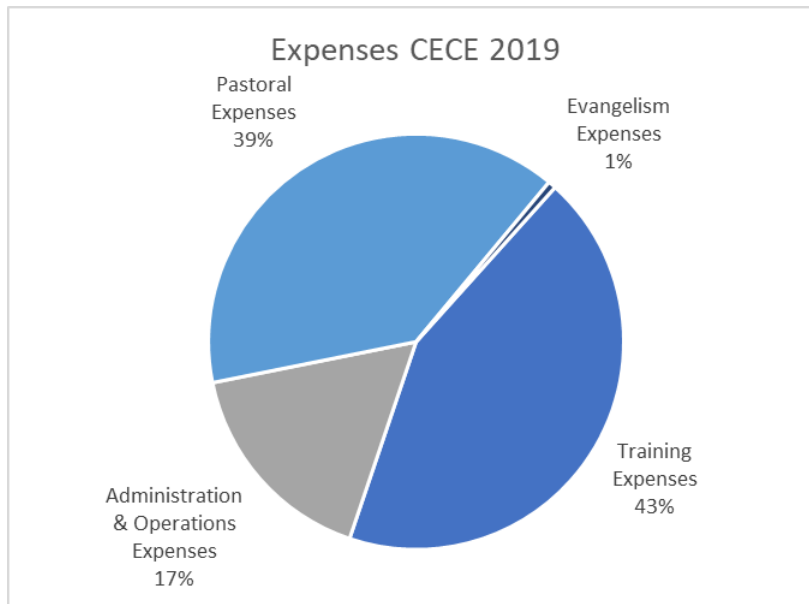
In total, we received 16,298 views on these 52 blogs throughout the year! This is an average of 313 views per blog!

FINANCES

Income



Expenses



*Note: The period reported for income and expenses are January 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019.

CALENDAR 2020

January

- 17-19, National Communications Team retreat to film Deuteronomy devotionals
- 18, National Board meeting

February

- All month long, Staff Development Event (EFO), Colombia

March

- 4-8, National Camp, Manglaralto

April

- 7, CECE's 29th Anniversary (month-long celebration in local movements)
- 18, National Board meeting
- 25, I National Staff Retreat

May

- Possible InterVarsity/USA visit
- 1-3, Professionals Retreat (or 22-24)
- 16, I Student Leader Retreat (or the 30th)

June

- 6-7, I National Communications Team Retreat
- 13-14, Liturgy Workshop

July

- 11, National Board meeting

August

- 22, II National Staff Retreat

September

- 4-6, Student Leader Training Event (EFE)

October

- 16, World Student Day
- 17, National Board meeting
- 17-18, II National Communications Team Retreat
- Local Group Student Elections

November

- 14, Fondotón 2021 (national fundraising initiative)
- 28-29, General Assembly (28) y II Student Leader Retreat (28-29)

December

- There are no national CECE events in December. Local groups are encouraged to organize evangelistic activities around Christmas.

“In every CECE Professionals Group meeting I learn more. We share and hear different points of view, which helps me grow in many ways. The activities organized by CECE motivate me to continue to live out the Great Commission of sharing the Gospel with others and to win more souls to Christ and that encourages me to continue loving and serving God even more...”

***-Jemima
CECE Riobamba, Profesional***

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR 2020

- For the new National Student Leadership Team (CNE) and for their service in 2020
- That the new University Groups that have recently started can be further consolidated
- For a smooth transition under the leadership of the new National Director and National Board
- For new staff workers and Graduate Volunteers to join with us in the coming months/years
- For the consolidation and continued growth of Professional Groups
- For an increased number of generous ministry partners to support the work of CECE staff



PARTNER WITH US IN MISSION

We are very grateful for your support and interest in the mission we have to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the universities of Ecuador. We would like to extend a special invitation to you so that you can further partner with us in this mission. If you are interested in getting more involved with the ministry of CECE, there are various ways to do so. Two fundamental ways are through prayer and financial support. We provided various prayer requests in the previous section that you can use to support us in prayer. You can even join us throughout the year in prayer by interceding for the events listed in the 2020 Calendar! The second way you can join with us in this mission is through financial partnership. If you are interested in giving to CECE, you can donate online at <https://give.ifesworld.org> by searching for "Ecuador" as an IFES Ministry and giving towards the "Student Ministry in Ecuador (National Movement)" account. Giving through the IFES website is tax-deductible. You can also donate directly to CECE's bank account with the following information:

CECE
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After donating, please send an email to donaciones@somoslacece.com to confirm your gift.



VISION FOR THE FUTURE

“Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings of the earth.” - Revelation 1:4-5

In the last few months, Josué and I have had the immense privilege of participating in a series of Transition Celebrations with the central theme of “Faithful Witnesses”. These have been spaces of first meetings and re-encounters with students, professionals, pastors and university professors, each of which have been a faithful witness so that the message of the Gospel continues to be proclaimed in the universities of Ecuador.

We celebrate what God has done during 2019 and what He will continue doing through the community that is CECE, a community of faithful witnesses in the universities and workplaces in Ecuador, during 2020. We give thanks for the devotion and service Josué has given as National Director during these past seven years. We give thanks for the testimony of the university students of today that follow in the footsteps of the generations before them that have proclaimed the Gospel in both word and deed. We follow the path of the Lamb, of Jesus, the Faithful Witness.

We remain faithful to the message of Good News, faithful to the hope that we have through the death and resurrection of Jesus. This is our identity as faithful witnesses.

Revelation is written to various communities of believers in very difficult times as a way of encouraging them to follow the example of Jesus, the Faithful Witness. The book of Deuteronomy, the book we will be exploring in 2020, is directed to a community facing an important time of transition. Moses reminds them to look back and see the faithfulness of God as He rescued them from Egypt; and to look forward with indications of how to be a community that is committed to God’s plan, a community set apart for the justice they are called to live out, set apart for their solidarity towards the marginalized, set apart for their calling to be reconcilers of all of creation.

Much like the people of God that prepared themselves for a new phase in their journey, it is the presence of God through His Spirit that will empower us to continue proclaiming and serving with creativity and faithfulness to the Gospel. Our mission is to continue discipling faithful witnesses who will proclaim and live out the Gospel in the universities and workplaces throughout Ecuador.

We are faithful witnesses in the joy of seeing new University Groups being born and we are faithful witnesses in the pain of conflict and doubt. We are faithful witnesses in a constantly changing and demanding cultural context. We are faithful witnesses when we feel like the resources we have are not sufficient to respond to all of the new opportunities we see on the horizon. I invite you to actively pursue the calling to be a faithful witness wherever God has placed you to serve in the coming year.



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