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# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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## Words from the National Director

2022 has been a year marked by the transition from surviving the pandemic, to processing it, and together with Job expressing our lament, pain and honest questions to God. We have walked with Job in his suffering and learned how to live as a community on mission, with integrity, suffering and wisdom. Along with the questioning we have been challenged to trust the Creator God, who speaks from and in the midst of the storm. Together with Job we can say:

"I know that my redeemer lives,  
and that in the end he will stand on the earth." (Job 19:25)

"My ears had heard of you  
but now my eyes have seen you." (Job 42:5)

Even in the midst of a reality affected by changes in the educational system, uncertainty, and an economic and social crisis, we have seen and experienced God's support in the mission in the country's universities. Currently, we have 40 student coordinators, who serve and proclaim Jesus with their peers every week in 25 active University Groups (GU), with an average of 128 students participating weekly, in 25 universities in 12 cities across Ecuador. With creativity and perseverance, we have proclaimed and served with Bible studies, workshops, spaces to build community, and events. This fruitful work does not happen by itself. While the university students are the protagonists of campus mission, each part of the team is important.

I thank God for the National Board (NB), the Staff Team, the administrative assistant, the members of the National Student Coordination (CNE), the Communication Team (EqCom) and our Mission Partners, partner organizations and churches. Thank you for being a part of reaching the University with the Gospel! We thank God for his faithfulness in supporting the mission!

Ruth Hicks  
CECE National Director



# Campus Ministries

The heart of our mission as CECE is to share, train and send to serve. Here, we will share about the different spaces and ways that we do this as a community.

## University Groups (GU)



The GUs are the centre of mission on the University campuses. They are small missional communities on that share Jesus through community life, acts of service, and Bible studies week after week.

Currently, we have an average of 25 GUs, who meet at 25 universities in 12 cities across the country, with an average of 128 students each week. This year the Bible studies explored the book of Job, and other texts from

the Gospels. It has been very challenging for some groups to find a time to meet and in some cases, groups continue to use a combination of in person and virtual meetings.

The following table shows the participation of students each week in a University Group at the national level:

University Group Statistics, Quarterly					
Quarter	#GUs	# Total Participants	# Non Believing Participants	# Conversions	# Universities
October - December 2021	22	132	14	0	24
January - March 2022	25	134	14	1	25
April - June 2022	26	139	20	1	26
July - September 2022	24	108	16	1	24
Average	24	128	16	1	25

Lady Suconota, the new student coordinator at the Babahoyo UTB, shares the challenges of returning to in person meetings in her context.

“For me, it is the first time this semester that I have received classes in person. At first, I did not know many people to invite to the University Group, but step by step, God gave me friends who want to know his teaching and that is how I began to encourage myself and my classmates to listen and learn from the word of God together. I am grateful to God and CECE for opening a group at UTB and sharing these studies that motivate us to learn more from his word.”

— Lady Suconota, UTB Babahoyo

Students continue to use Proxi and Uncover tools as ways to share the Gospel. Work has also been done to continue strengthening a culture of invitation in the GUs and share strategies to help each GU become more visible on the University campuses.



Another form of sharing the Gospel has been the workshops organized by each GU, which aim to respond to the specific needs of their classmates. An example of topics include: Study Tips for Success; Beyond resignation: when life is hard, and Boundaries, which allow students to share God's love in very practical ways and consolidate friendships in groups.

The Staff Team has worked hard to work with and visit the GUs in all the cities where there are University Groups. For several Staff members this means visiting groups 1-2 times per semester, with discipleship meetings via zoom. The National Director also visited students, coordinators, Staff and graduates in the cities of Guayaquil, Quito, Milagro, Cuenca, Loja, Tena, Latacunga and met the UTB Group for the first time in Babahoyo. These times of sharing are always a great joy.

## Pioneer Groups (GP)

A very important part of the proclamation, formation and service, occurs through the Pioneer Groups, which are GUs in new campuses or universities around the country. The work with GP has always been part of CECE's DNA, but it has been consolidated and grown with the constant and joyful work of Guadalupe Muñoz, who serves in a national role of coordination of GP.

We thank God for the consolidation of the group in UTB university of Babahoyo and UEB in Guaranda. We pray for Groups that have returned to pioneering work in EPN, UDLA, USFQ, UPS in Quito and the Groups in Cuenca, Portoviejo and Loja.

We are thankful for Staff members who are working with these new groups, and also for the development of a clearer process to contact new students, follow-up, train new coordinators, monitoring and growth of the GPs.

## National Student Coordination (CNE)

CECE's ministerial philosophy is Students reaching Students. Student participation is the engine of our work, and the voices of the students are represented by the National Student Coordination (CNE). This team is essential to nurture and direct our mission from its bases. It is a space for leadership and service, with whom the contents and facilitation of the National Camp (CN), events and other training spaces are prepared.



We want to thank all the work and dedicated service of the CNE this year: Dalila Pazmiño, Abigail Cepeda, Valery Sánchez, Jéssica Angos, Lisseth Muñoz, Daniela Yáñez, Jordano Sornoza, Juan Andrade, Joel Sarabia, Daniela Chávez and Rebeca Carrión.

“Being part of the CNE has been special; serving here filled me with the desire to continue contributing to CECE's mission in the country's universities. Beyond the fact of being a coordinator are the benefits you receive, tools to facilitate spaces in the U, tools for evangelization, retreats with the team, meetings every 2 weeks with the purpose of taking care of each other and encourage one and other to face the challenges of each UG. The training and discipleship spaces are a blessing, I thank God and CECE for giving me the opportunity to continue leading. This undoubtedly helps in my spiritual growth and in all areas of my life. It was a pleasure to have been part of CNE 2022.”

— *Jordano Sornoza, Guayaquil*

## National Camp

After two years of online Camps, we had the joy of meeting again in person. The National Camp was held in Quito, on April 7-10 with the motto: "Job: Honest Questions to God." We shared a very enriching time of learning in community. 95 people participated, including students, professionals and staff.

We explored the book of Job together, through different spaces such as liturgy, art, small groups, workshops, games and Biblical expositions. We were happy to meet those who joined CECE during the pandemic, and it was the first time we had met in person. Walking together amid difficult questions and being a community on mission was also great!

We appreciated the excellent work of CNE, the Staff team and Ana Miriam Peralta, from COMPA Mexico, who was the speaker this year.





“The National Camp prepared me to talk about God to my classmates on campus. It encouraged me not to feel ashamed, and to be a spokesperson for his love to other people. I loved exploring the book of Job because I've been through similar situations, where I wondered if God really existed. These passages taught me that God is there at all times, that if we go through trials it is because He wants to form our character, strengthen us, and wants us to trust Him. His love is eternal and never leaves us alone.”

— *Glenda Rivera, Manta*

## **CECE Anniversary – CECE de Corazón**

CECE de Corazón is our anniversary celebration during the month of April. In 2022, we celebrated 31 years of institutional life. It reminds us of our roots and our identity with three central elements: celebration, communication and an invitation to get involved.

CECE invests in hundreds of university students' lives each year, and the CECE Staff team is a fundamental part of accompanying students in the mission on campus. For this reason, CECE de Corazón 2022 focused on getting to know and supporting the Staff Team. Posts were shared on social media, blogs and an online celebration meeting was organized for new and existing mission partners.

You are always welcome to join as a Mission Partner for CECE Staff, praying, receiving news and/or financially giving. To sign up to receive news and give in Ecuador through this link: [Donate - CECE \(somoslacece.com\)](https://somoslacece.com). Support from outside Ecuador can be given through IFES at this link <https://ifesworld.org/en/give/>.





## Training Modules

A few years ago, Pablo Castañeda (former CECE Staff) prepared a series of training modules, with 5 themes aimed at every "militant" of the movement, and 5 themes for leaders. These materials were updated by Josué Olmedo and Ruth Hicks between the years 2011-2015. In 2022, with input from Staff, students, and professionals, we have updated two modules and created two new ones. The objective is to deepen and broaden formation processes for students and help them dialogue and respond to current issues in their university context.

The goal is to present the material in a format with more pedagogical tools for use in University Groups, personal discipleship, leadership training and in Local Groups. We hope that the modules will soon be available digitally through the CECE webpage. The modules that are being used in some University Groups are: Leadership, Healthy interpersonal relationships, Art and faith, Science and faith.

## Art and Faith Dialogue

Since 2018, CECE has promoted a dialogue between Art and Word through the creation of artwork in dialogue with the biblical text being studied. This year, 5 pieces of art were presented during the National Camp in response to texts from Job. In addition, 5 pieces of art have been created in response to various biblical texts that for part of the Art and Faith training module. Thanks to Isabela Pineda for guiding this valuable process and for the significant contribution of the Initiative Logos and Cosmos from IFES (ILC).



**Title:** It is not seen, it is felt

**Technique:** Collage, paper, ink and pressed cardboard

**Artist:** Génesis Benitez

## Student Leaders Training (EFE)

From 23-25 September, we had the Student Leaders Training (EFE 2022), in Riobamba. This event brought together 45 students, Staff and Graduate volunteers.



This weekend, we explored more of the book of Job with an emphasis on the themes of suffering, integrity, and wisdom for the life of the student coordinator. In addition to different workshops such as: Integral health of the coordinator, What and how of Mission in the U, how to be a visible Community in mission, Building bridges of dialogue, and much more. We also reviewed the materials for the new semester including the formation Modules, Encounters with Jesus bible studies. We are grateful for all the conversations, questions, and all we learned during EFE 2022.

"I learned about many topics: about family relationships, healthy limits, the work of a coordinator, mission in the University, and even about good nutrition and health. A topic that challenged me on a personal level and I feel that it is a reality in my University Group, is the need to be a visible community in mission... I think it is time that my faith is more visible in my life and to be more visible in sharing the Gospel in the University. For this reason, EFE was a great time to learn and grow."

— *Elías Buenaventura, Manta*

## World Student Day

In October, we celebrate World Student Day (WSD), a special day that brings our global movement together to celebrate what God is doing in universities through IFES and to pray for the mission in the University.



The theme for 2022 was “Renewal”, God is making all things new. There is hope! God doesn’t just make things better. He makes them new. *“I’m going to do something new! It’s already happening, don’t you see? I am making a way in the desert, and rivers in desolate places” (Isaiah 43:19).*

The University Groups from all over the country carried out different activities to pray and invite students to be part of God’s work to renew all of creation, beginning with their university campuses.

## Fondotón 2023

The feet that ran in the Fondotón take the Gospel to the University. How beautiful are those feet! This is a national initiative that brings together students, Staff, Professionals, friends and families, to run or walk together and thus raise funds for CECE training and evangelistic activities in 2023.



This year's Fondotón was back in person on Saturday, 12 November. 53 participants in 6 cities ran almost 400km together with sponsors to take the Gospel to the University.

The money raised will help students to participate in the National Camp 2023, a student to participate in the IFES World Assembly in 2023 and will support initiatives at universities. This year around \$3000 was raised.

Thank you for being part of Fondotón with your prayers, offerings and feet that ran!

## COFA Scholarships

Since 2016, CECE is part of the COFA SCHOLARSHIP programme (Corporación Fondo Ágil) which originates from a German organization Bread for the World. We thank God for the opportunity to continue supporting the studies of 10 university students with scholarships from 2021-2024.

"At the 2022 COFA training, I was able to reaffirm concepts that I had learnt from my teachers and church leaders. The time spent between the students was also of great support in the learning process. This meeting helped me to grow, and it is important to participate in many more because they help to know how to be a good citizen. From this I am motivated to continue contributing to the students in my faculty and my classmates putting service to others into practice."

— *Juan Andrade, Milagro*

From 22-24 July, CECE scholarship students participated in the COFA annual training workshop in the city of Santo Domingo. The aim of the scholarships is to cover costs related to their studies, such as tuition and study materials.

# Ministry to Professionals/Alumni

## Graduate Groups

In order to explore the relationship between God's work and human work from the Scriptures, we have continued to work with professionals/alumni. This year, the Professionals group in Quito has been active thanks to the coordination of Eddy Vásquez and Karol Guallichico with an average of 7 participants. They have studied topics like: "Boundaries", the Gospel of Mark and "Celebration of Discipline".



Regular contact has been maintained with around 200 professionals from 6 cities, with whom information and invitations to CECE events, blogs, and news are shared through WhatsApp groups. We have seen the participation and commitment of professionals in spaces such as the National Camp, being Mission Partners and as Graduate Volunteers.

We give thanks for Angie Défaz's who coordinates this area of ministry at the national level, and for her participation in the regional training process for leaders of ministry to professionals.

"For me, belonging to CECE's professionals' group has been a rewarding experience. Since I began to be part of the group, I have seen a change in my understanding, in my way of thinking, and in the values of my life as a Christian. I have been able to grow as a person. Thanks to what I have learned in each meeting I have better understood the word of God and apply it practically to my life. I have learned to use my talents, knowledge and abilities to serve God in every action of my day-to-day life."

— Andrea Lanás

## Surviving the Transition

This is a space for students who are transitioning from university to professional life. The 10 topics in the material have three main objectives: to offer pastoral care, reflect on how to cultivate a life of faithfulness to Jesus after university, and to provide practical tools to live this transition in a healthy way. This study offers graduates training in their vocation for service and mission, with a theological-biblical perspective. In addition to inviting professionals to continue participating in various CECE spaces, serving as Staff, Graduate Volunteers and Mission Partners. During 2022, 7 young graduates participated in this series of studies during July.

## Professionals Gathering IFES Latin America

How can professionals live and share their faith in their work context? This was the central theme explored at a Gathering for Professionals organized by IFES Latin America in Panama, from 27-30 October.

Here 40 people from 10 different countries of the region participated. The main teaching was given by Tim Vickers, the Director of IFES Graduate Impact, who taught the first module of Cross-current, a material designed for young professionals to continue their call to follow Jesus in the workplace through cultivating character, inspiring the intellect and the development of skills.

It was a privilege for CECE to send 4 participants: Samantha Acaro, Andrea Lanas, Wendy Panchi and Ruth Hicks, to learn and nurture CECE's work with graduates.



## Logos and Cosmos Initiative

The dialogue between the sciences and Christian theology is at the heart of the IFES Logos and Cosmos Initiative (LCI). This initiative is being implemented in two regions: Latin America and French-speaking Africa. The purpose is to strengthen the capacities of Christian scholars, to foster dialogue and intelligent practice between their academic disciplines and Christian theology.

These academics are known in the ILC as 'catalysts', as they catalyze connections with the important conversations between the university and academia. Through them it is hoped that the IFES national movements will also be equipped and strengthened for this task.

During 2022, Daniel Castillo, Isabela Pineda and Álvaro Pérez participated in LCI, each contributing to CECE. They also participated in the LCI consultation held in Chile in September.

## Graduate Volunteers

We want to give thanks for the service of our team of Graduate Volunteers who have given between 8-10 hours a month of their time to serve students groups. Currently, we have 12 Graduate volunteers serving in 4 cities.

Their term of service has ended: Carolina Cevallos and Martín Utreras, whom we thank for their commitment and presence over the years. Continuing to serve in this role: Karolyne Saltos, Diana Cortés, Edison Vásquez, Sara Terán, Angie Défaz, Michael Ojedis, Daniela Merchán, Álvaro Pérez, Karol Guallichico, Jocelyn Herrera, David Vera and Miguel Peñafiel.





## Staff Team

CECE Pastoral Staff are the ones who invest in and train students in the University Groups to bring the Gospel to the University. Staff walk alongside coordinators, offering guidance and resources to serve on campus. With their lives, Staff model integrity, sharing the Gospel and their love for the word of God.

There are currently 13 staff on the team who work with 25 University Groups in 13 cities in Ecuador. Each Staff serves part time, and their work is supported by a network of Mission Partners who give and pray for them.

We are thankful for the consistent and effective pastoral work of the CECE Staff team, which includes Cristina Chiluzza (Ambato), Guadalupe Muñoz, Lizandro Bravo (Guayaquil), Jouseth Moya, Andrea Utreras, Daniel Castillo, Wendy Panchi, Jeremy Guaña, Tatiana Vera (Quito), Carlos Ruiz, Eduardo Gutiérrez and Nathaly Chamba (Loja).



This team has met online biweekly and has shared 2 in person retreats which have been important spaces to nurture the team. During 2022 Eduardo Gutiérrez joined as Junior Staff in Loja, and the following finished their service as Staff: Glenda Medina, Paulette Garcia, Ruth Tobar and William Murillo. We are very grateful for the life and service of each of them.

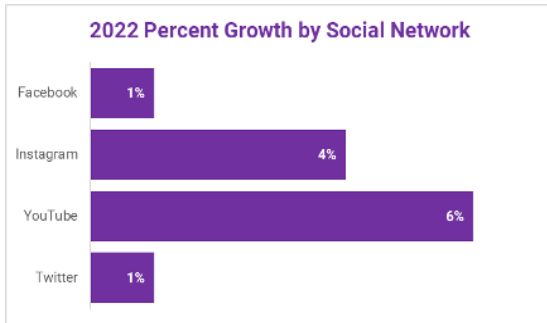
# Communication Team

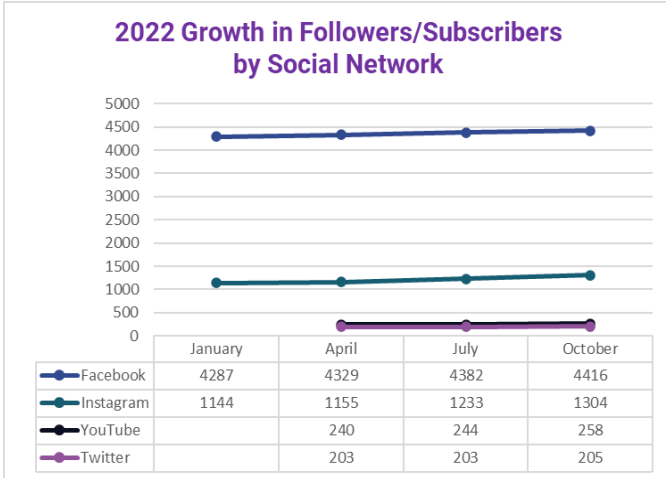
A huge thank you to the constant and creative work of the National Communication Team. In the first months of the year Ruth Tobar, Jefferson Cuasque, Paulette García and Martín Utreras served in the core team. We thank God for a positive transition to a new core team since July with the participation of Jouseth Moya, Jocelyn Herrera, Jefferson Cuasque and Juan Vásquez. A special THANK YOU to Ruth Tobar for all the time and gifts she has invested in this team over the past several years.

This team meets weekly and some of the important tasks of internal and external communication they undertake are regular updating of the website, management of social media and the use of Teams to optimize internal communication for CECE.

<b>Communications Projects 2022</b>	
Book of the Year Designs 2022 & 2023	National Prayer Spaces
Weekly Blogs	World Student Day
Weekly Video Devotionals for Job	Fondotón 2023
National Camp	Job Bible Studies
EFE	Gospel Bible Studies
Instagram Lives for Job	Sobreviviendo la Transición
CECE de Corazón	The Memory Project - CECE's History
New Institucional Video	Annual Report & Video Recap 2022

Next, we share data of growth on social media.





## CECE Weekly Blog

The blog that CECE publishes weekly is a great resource for delving into different current issues, dialogue with the University, student life, book of the year, and as a way of sharing stories of mission during the year. These blogs offer reflection and are shares in University Groups around Ecuador and the region. We invite you to read and share them by visiting our website: <https://www.somoslacece.com/blog/>.



## National Board

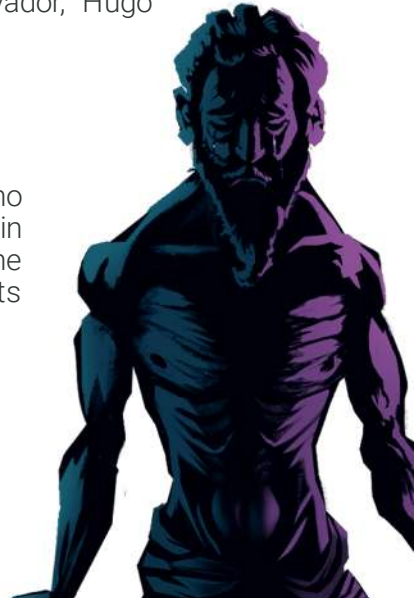
The National Board (NB) is an integral part of our organization. It is made up of ten members with a diversity of academic training, gender and a solid commitment to the proclamation of the Gospel in the universities of Ecuador. The NB meets every quarter with the participation of the National Director and two student representatives. In these meetings, the NB is an overseer of the progress and the rhythm of the student work.

Throughout the year, the Board oversees the administrative and organizational health of CECE, which implies the preparation of financial reports, relevant documentation for the regulatory entities of the Ecuadorian state and, in general, the administration and governance of the entire organization. As NB we are convinced that part of CECE's Christian witness is to be good stewards of the resources that the Lord has provided us. Additionally, each of the members is aware that belonging to this part of the organization is a call that the Lord has given us to provide a platform for more students to reach the universities of our country with the Gospel.

In 2022 the current boards finish its period of 3 years, and we thank God very much for its members: Irma Padilla, Edwin Chamorro, Daniel Macias, Iliana Ninahualpa, Merwin Chávez, Daniela Larrea, Luis Flores, Edith Salvador, Hugo Vasquez and Josefina Talabera.

## Administrative Assistant

We thank God for the work of Tatiana Paredes who serves as the part-time Administrative Assistant in the national office. This work is crucial for the fulfillment of the ministry to university students and professionals.



# Global Partners and Interinstitutional Relations

We are grateful for the organizations who are strategic partners in carrying out the mission. These are summarized in the following table.

<b>Interinstitutional Relationships: Strategic Partners</b>	
Objective: To grow and deepen connections with strategic partners to fulfill our mission	
Vínculos para el Cambio	Misión Alianza in Guayaquil
Paz y Esperanza	SIM in Loja
TSCF	Confraternidad Evangélica Ecuatoriana
Comité Ecuménico de Proyectos - Becas COFA	IFES/IFES Latin America
English Fellowship Church	Iglesia Evangélica de Iñaquito

## Our Global IFES Family

CECE is part of the international IFES family, which serves university students in more than 170 countries. We are very grateful for our IFES family. During 2022 we have received direct support from the Staff to Staff fund for CECE Staff. Also, several students and Staff have benefited from training spaces such as Engaging the University, the Logos and Cosmos Initiative and Scripture Engagement.

This year, IFES celebrated its 75th anniversary. After World War II, campus ministries leaders in ten countries came together to found IFES, with the goal of seeing a clear witness to Jesus Christ established in universities around the world. Today, that same vision remains at the heart of IFES, working with more than half a million students in more than 170 countries. There is still much work to be done. As CECE we joined the Anniversary Celebration during our AGM

We encourage you to learn more about IFES here: <https://ifesworld.org/es/>.

## La chispa y la llama

On November 12, CECE joined the Latin American region for the official launch of Volume 2 of the book "La Chispa y la Llama". This book is compiled by Samuel Escobar, who shared his life experience in collecting and researching the history of IFES Latin America, from the publication of the first volume, to the present, as a precious legacy for the new generations. It was a very heartfelt time paying homage to his life and service. We invite you to acquire and read this beautiful story.



## General Secretaries Gathering

From 1-8 September, our National Director, Ruth Hicks, had the privilege of participating in a gathering for General Secretaries of the university movements throughout the Latin American region. Through Biblical expositions, workshops and sharing among colleagues, they explored the text of 2 Corinthians with the theme: "Clay pots: the paradoxes of leading a national movement." It was a time of much learning, a great joy to celebrate 75 years of IFES globally and have the presence of Tim Adams, the IFES General Secretary.



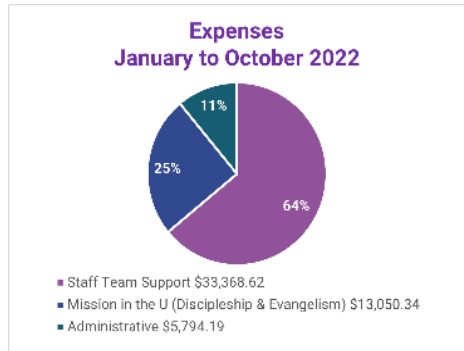
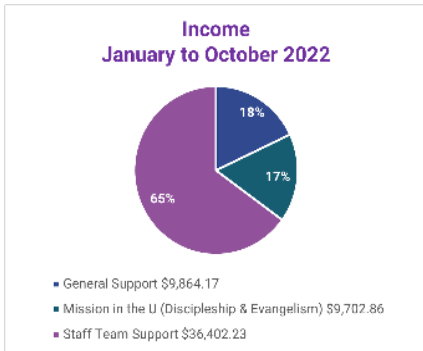
# Partner with Us

## Financial Support

We thank the Lord for his provision, through Mission Partners who give and pray to support the ministry to the university students.

Number of Donors Per Year						
2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
15	33	40	98	85	100	115
<i>*Since 2019, this amount includes those who gave for the Fondotón and to Staff accounts</i>						

God has been faithful in providing for the mission during 2022, because of your generosity. Thank you! Below is a summary of income and expenses up to October 2022.





## Ministry Partners

We are very grateful for your support and interest in the mission we have to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all the universities in Ecuador. A mission partner is someone who commits to pray and/or give to CECE. There are several ways to do it. One of them is to pray, receive news and or offer regularly to a Staff. We invite you to do so at this link: [Donate - CECE \(somoslacece.com\)](https://somoslacece.com).

Another way to support is to communicate and invite others to be part of the mission at the university. If you are interested in giving to CECE, you can make your donation through a transfer or direct deposit in the following information:

CECE  
Banco del Pacífico  
Cuenta corriente 518191-7  
RUC 1791786343001

After giving, please send an email to [cece@somoslacece.com](mailto:cece@somoslacece.com) to confirm your deposit. You can also give internationally through IFES in the link shared previously.

## Prayer Requests

We invite you to join us in prayer:

- For new student coordinators and new students committed to campuses where the GUs need to be reestablished.
- For a good transition of the new National Board and for the upcoming process of transition of the National Director.
- For financial support to grow and for us to continue with university mission.
- For Ecuador with the ongoing impact of the pandemic and economic and social crisis.





## Vision for the Future

We are grateful for God's faithfulness that has allowed us to serve him by sharing Christ in the universities and workplaces of Ecuador during 2022. For 2023 we hope to see the consolidation of the Pioneer Groups, see new University Groups where there are currently none and see our work with professionals grow. Paul in one of his letters makes this statement to us:

*"No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
no human mind has imagined  
what God has prepared for those who love him."*

This phrase: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has imagined..." will be the theme for the book of the year in 2023. What will the book be? We will soon discover which book it is, and as we explore it together, we want to understand how the death and resurrection of Jesus transforms our way of thinking and living in every area of our lives through the lens of the Gospel. We invite you to join this community, and its mission story in 2023.



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