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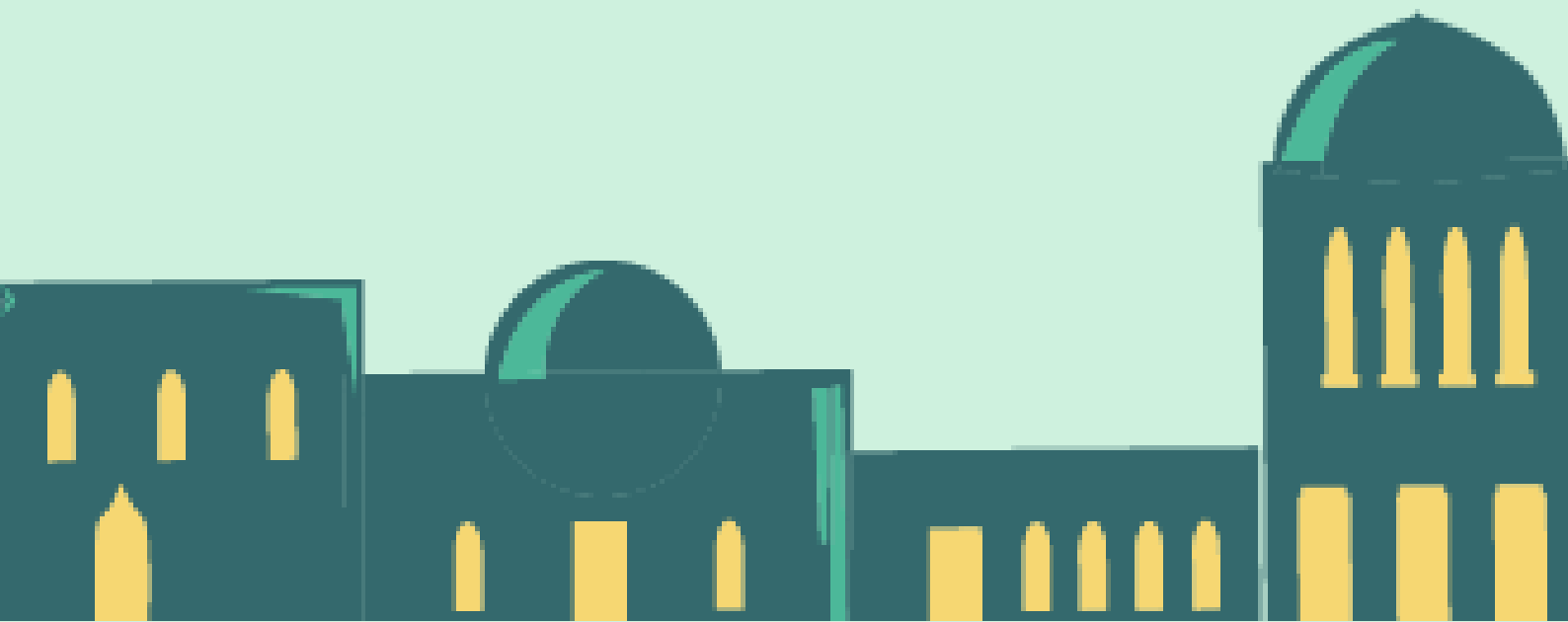
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WORDS

FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

The prophet Daniel reminds us of God's sovereignty and power when he says:

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons, He deposes kings and sets others in their place" (Daniel 2:20-21).

This year, we have seen how God continues to guide our mission amid the changes and challenges we face in the universities.

In 2024, I assumed the privilege of serving as National Director of CECE. It has been a time of deep learning and dependence on the Lord. Together we have studied the book of Daniel, which has taught us invaluable lessons about faithfulness, courage and trust in God in the midst of a difficult context. Daniel inspires us to be steadfast in faith, knowing that God is in control of all things.

Currently, we have 25 active University Groups (GU) in 21 universities in 12 cities across the country, with an average weekly participation of 102 students. These students, like Daniel, have decided to be witnesses of God's power in their context. They actively participate in Bible studies, workshops and community building activities that proclaim the hope of the Gospel.

I am deeply grateful to the student coordinators, Staff team, the National Board, the Communication Team, the National Student Coordination and to each Mission Partner, churches and partner organizations. With dedication and perseverance, they have made it possible for this mission to move forward. Their lives reflect the same dedication that Daniel showed in Babylon: an unwavering commitment to God's mission.

May we remain steadfast, remembering Daniel's words:

"The wise shall shine like the brightness of heaven, and those who teach many righteousness shall shine like the stars for all eternity" (Daniel 12:3).

Thank you for being part of this mission to take the gospel to the universities of Ecuador.

With gratitude,

Guadalupe Muñoz
CECE National Director



Campus Ministries

From the University Campus

The heart of CECE's mission is to proclaim, form and send. Here we tell you about the different spaces and strategies with which we serve as a community.

University Groups (GU)

The GUs are the core of mission to the University. They are small communities in mission that share Jesus through community life, acts of service and Bible studies each week.



Currently, we have an average of 25 University Groups (GU) that meet in 22 universities in 10 cities throughout the country, with an average weekly participation of 102 students. This year we have explored, through Bible studies, the book of Daniel and the Gospel of Mark.

The energy crisis in Ecuador, which has caused power outages, has generated a notable contrast: while some face-to-face groups have been strengthened, the groups that meet virtually have faced greater difficulties in maintaining their meetings.

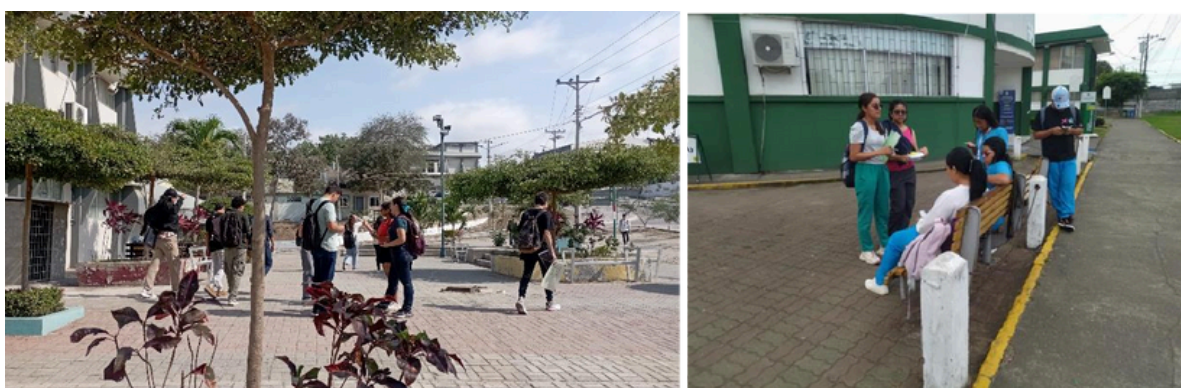
The following table shows the weekly participation of students in the University Groups at the national level:

Trimester	Total
October - December 2023	112
Jan - March 2024	92
April - June 2024	103
July - Sep 2024	101
Average	102

This next table shows relevant data on the number of groups, converts, non-believer participants and universities represented per quarter:

Trimester	# GU's	# Decisions to follow Christ	# Non believing participants	# Universities
October-Dec 2023	27	2	16	21
Jan-March 2024	23	6	18	18
April-June 2024	25	8	10	22
July-Sept 2024	26	6	11	22
Average	25	5	14	21

During this period, several local evangelistic initiatives have taken place on university campuses. At the universities of Manabí and Babahoyo, students carried out creative activities to connect with their peers, such as sharing snacks and invitations to GU. They also used questions such as “What do you like most about being a student?” and “What do you feel worried about?” to start conversations and present the Gospel of Jesus in a relatable and relevant way.



Photos of students from Manabí and Babahoyo.

Students continue to use tools such as Proxi and local initiatives to share the Gospel. Among the forms of proclamation are workshops and studies organized by each GU, designed to respond to the specific needs of their classmates. Some recent topics include:

- **“Taking Root in Jesus: My Devotional Life.”**
- **“Curious Faces of the Master.”**
- **“Passion for Learning, Loving God with My Mind.”**
- **“How to Hold On When Everything Falls Apart.”**

These workshops and studies not only allow us to share God's love in a practical way and show His concern for all areas of our lives, but also strengthen friendships within the groups.

The **Staff Team** has been actively working to accompany and support the GUs in all cities. For many staff, this involves visiting the groups in person once or twice a semester, complemented with discipleship meetings via Zoom.

The **National Director** has also visited students, coordinators, staff and graduates in cities such as Quito, Riobamba, Ambato, Cuenca, Loja and Guayaquil. These shared moments have been a great source of joy and renewal for all involved



A photo collage from the National Director of her visits to University Pioneer Groups (GP)

Pioneer Groups (GP)

A fundamental part of the proclamation, formation and service is carried out through **Pioneer Groups (GP)**. These are University Groups (GU) that arise in new campuses or universities in the country. Working with the GPs has always been part of CECE's DNA, consolidating and growing thanks to the constant and joyful effort of Guadalupe Muñoz, who since 2020 played a national role in the coordination of the GPs.

With Guadalupe's transition to being National Director, we are pleased to announce that this work has been assumed by Miguel Peñafiel, Pastoral Staff in Guayaquil, who this year has followed up on the Pioneer Groups. We are grateful for the financial support of Breaking New Ground (IFES), which has been key to continuing this effort.

We thank God for the new groups that have been formed, such as the one at the Universidad Técnica del Norte (UTN) in Ibarra, and the reopening of groups at universities such as:

- Administration and Philosophy at the University of Guayaquil.
- UNEMI (in person) in Milagro
- Universidad Politécnica Salesiana (UPS) in Quito.
- Universidad de las Américas (UDLA) in Quito.

We continue to pray for the consolidation of the groups that are still in the pioneering phase.

Below is a table summarizing the current status of the Pioneer Groups:

Summary Pioneer Groups 2023-2024	Current Situation
Universidad Técnica del Norte (UTN)	Active
Universidad de Cuenca	Active
Escuela Superior Politécnica de Chimborazo (ESPOCH)	Active
Universidad Técnica de Babahoyo (UTB) Manabí:	Not active
Universidad Técnica de Manabí (UTM) Universidad Laica Eloy Alfaro de Manabí (ULEAM) Universidad San Gregorio de Portoviejo	Active Active
Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas (ESPE)	Not activo
Latacunga Universidad de Otavalo	Conversations with students to begin meetings

* Pioneer: A campus or university where, for the first time, CECE is initiating work to form a GU.

Repioneering Work (2023-2024)	Current Situation
Quito: Universidad Politécnica Salesiana Universidad de las Américas (UDLA)	Active Active
Guayaquil: Universidad de Guayaquil: GP Administración Universidad de Guayaquil: GP Filosofía Universidad Agraria	Active Active Active
UNEMI presencial	Active

*Repionero: Es un campus o universidad en el cual la CECE ha tenido un GU establecido antes, más en este momento se está replantando el grupo.

Belén, a fourth semester medical student at the Technical University of Manabí (UTM), shares the Good News of Jesus on her university campus with the coordinator Matthew and other students. We asked her about her experience with the Pioneer Group (GP) in Manabí, and this is what she shared with us:

"I joined CECE UTM in June, and it was God's answer to my prayers. Finding a group of young Christians at the university was an immense joy. I have made friends with whom I share my faith and I feel peace in every meeting. I enjoy the times of evangelism within the university, sharing together with friends and winning new souls for God. Although we face the challenge of inviting more members, I am confident that God will strengthen the group, just as He united me to CECE."

The GU continues to meet and grow thanks to the joint efforts of **Belen and Matthew**, who continue to invite their classmates to participate in the meetings at the university. They have studied together books such as John and Daniel, deepening their faith and calling.



National Student Coordination (CNE)

The **National Student Coordination (CNE)** is a fundamental to the life and mission of CECE. Students are what move our work, and their participation guides our mission from the grassroots: the University Groups on each campus and in the different cities.

Being part of the CNE contributes to the spiritual, personal and community growth of the students. We thank God for this committed team, which has served faithfully during the year in various spaces such as the National Camp (CN), the Student Leadership Training Event (EFE) and other key moments of formation and service.

We want to express our gratitude for the work and dedication of the members of this year's CNE who have been an example of dedication and leadership: Fernanda Diaz, Maria Fernanda Toapanta, Marcelo Cabezas, Isaac Gomez, Genesis Alvarado, Yordy Apolo, Ana Acurio and Anabel Herrera.

Thank you for being God's instruments in the mission of transforming lives through the Gospel in the universities!



Photo collage Pioneer groups: UPS, Quito; ESPOCH, Riobamba; San Gregorio, Portoviejo, UTN, Ibarra.



“Being part of the CNE has been one of the most formative and enriching experiences of my life. During my time as a student, I have looked for spaces where I could grow not only academically, but also spiritually, and CNE became that key place. Serving here allowed me to learn to lead with humility, listen with empathy and plan with purpose. In addition, the book of Daniel has been a constant source of inspiration, especially in how to remain faithful to my Christian values even in complex environments, such as the challenges of University and work.”

- Isaac Gomez



National Camp

From March 21-24, 2024 we held the **National Camp** at La Quinta Elim, in the Valle de los Chillos, Quito. This annual camp brought together students and professionals to explore the book of Daniel under the theme: **“Pay attention to what I am about to tell you”**.

As a community, we shared a variety of spaces that included: Liturgy, art, small groups, workshops, games, biblical expositions. This event centered around the messages and teaching from the book of Daniel, generating an enriching environment of learning in community.

More than 95 people participated, including students, professionals and staff from around the country. It was a time full of inspiration, growth and fellowship.

We deeply appreciate the excellent work of the CNE, the staff team and our dear friends from CECE. We highlight the talented speakers who guided us through the book of Daniel: **Josué Olmedo, Guadalupe Muñoz, Valery Sánchez and Juan Andrade.**

We invite you to listen to the biblical expositions in the following link:

- [Fidelidad en Dos Vías - Introducción a Daniel](#)
- [Un Dios Digno de Confianza - Daniel 3 - Parte 1](#)
- [Muestra del Poder Divino - Daniel 3 - Parte 2](#)
- [Le explicaré lo que significa - Daniel 5](#)



“My experience at the Camp was deeply enriching. It is a space where God’s love can be felt in tangible and intangible ways: through shared joy, individual experiences, creative workshops, vibrant liturgy, deep teaching and devotional moments.

What was most inspiring was to see how the camp became a place where people from different careers, provinces, ages and cultural backgrounds, despite our superficial differences, formed one family in Christ. This experience reminded us that God’s love transcends all barriers, unites us as one community, strengthens our faith and renews our commitment to bring that love to the world around us.”

– Orlando Torres, Guayaquil



We invite you to watch the video summary of National Camp 2024: <https://youtu.be/qdsoy3p-zG8?si=6ZQoSb65LUxeNE2I>

CECE Anniversary – CECE de Corazón

CECE de Corazón is our anniversary celebration, which takes place each year during the month of April. In 2024, we celebrate 33 years of institutional life. This commemoration reminds us of our roots and our identity as a community, highlighting three central elements: celebration, communication and an invitation to get involved.

Being **CECE de Corazón** means actively participating from your space, whether as a student, Mission Partner, Staff or professional. It is an attitude of commitment and dedication to God's mission.

This year, the celebration was especially meaningful, as we hosted IFES Latin American **Regional Staff Training Event** (EFO) and enthusiastically shared in their week of **Mission in the University**.

We invite you to be part of this mission by supporting an Advisor as a Mission Partner, through your prayers and/or offerings. You can join by using this link: [Dona - CECE \(somoslacece.com\)](https://somoslacece.com).



Student Leaders Training (EFE)

From **20-22 September**, we held our **Student Leaders Training Event (EFE)** in Riobamba. This year's theme was: **"Pay attention!"**, and the central themes of the event **were Bible, Christian Character and Tools for Mission**, guided by teaching from the book of Daniel.

EFE 2024 not only provided us with practical tools for mission, but also strengthened our community and inspired us to be leaders committed to God's mission. It was a wonderful time of learning and fellowship with 50 participants, including Coordinators, Graduate Volunteer and Pastoral Staff from around the country. This space is key for us to receive training in ministry skills to serve in the universities.



Photo from EFE 2024

“I thank God for the experience and protection on the trip. The event was a blessing, allowing me to meet new friends and deepen my relationship with God through His Word. The topic of Spiritual Disciplines was especially relevant, teaching us to reflect Jesus in our lives through internal, external and collective disciplines. This workshop helped me understand the importance of depending on God and having an intimate relationship with Him to discover my purpose in life, college and CECE.”

– Samuel Soria, Ambato



World Student Day

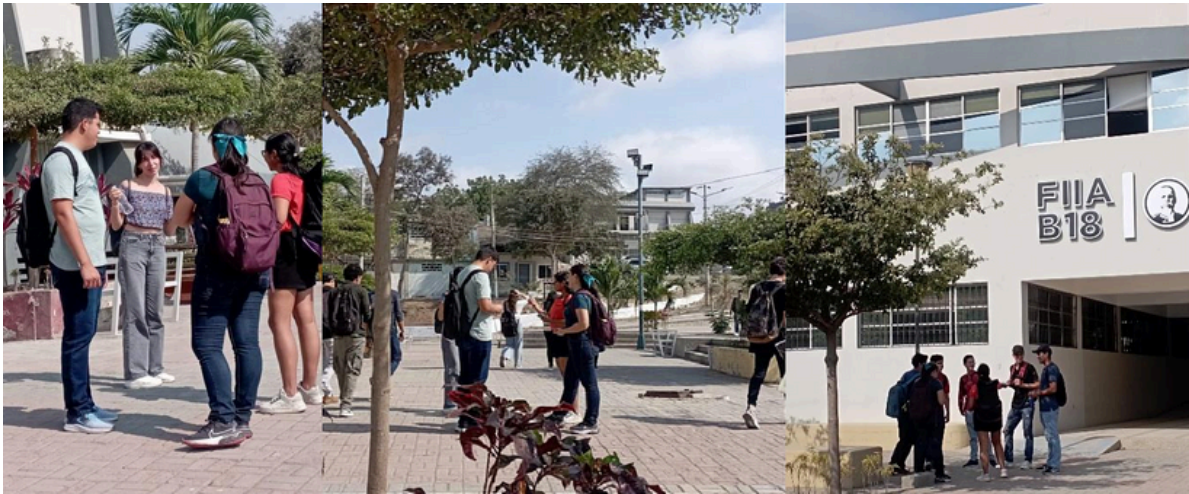
As we are part of our large international IFES family, on **October 18th** we celebrated **World Student Day (WSD)**. This year, the theme was **“Sanctuary,”** an invitation to find stillness and refuge in God in the midst of a world full of noise and chaos.

During 48 hours of prayer, we came together to celebrate all that God is doing in universities and to intercede for students around the world. University groups organized local activities to pray and invite students to persevere as disciples of Jesus in mission in their universities.

We also participated in the virtual celebration for the Latin American region, strengthening our connection with brothers and sisters from other countries who share the same call.

“At ULEAM, we walked the halls of the university asking students if they knew that Student Day was being celebrated. Many did not know and were surprised. We asked them what they liked about being students, and the most common answer was making friends and having opportunities. We took the opportunity to reaffirm to them the value of being students, the importance of constant learning and having a healthy community. We also invited them to CECE as a supportive space and community, where we can learn together about relevant topics such as science and faith.”

- Johanna Coque, Graduate volunteer



Photos from WSD at ULEAM

Fondotón

This year the 2024 Fondotón was held in January due to the transition of CECE's leadership in 2023. And the 2025 Fondotón was held on Saturday, November 16 in different cities around the country. This is one of several initiatives that invite people to join CECE's work and contribute financially to achieve our mission. Thanks to this, many students have been trained with practical tools and sent to serve on their campuses with commitment and diligence. Each participant signs up to run or walk for one hour around a circuit. Registrants look for sponsors who will donate money for each kilometer run. Thanks to this effort, both events raised close to \$7,000.



Photos from Fondotón 2025

COFA Scholarships

We are deeply grateful for the partnership through Scholarships from **Fondo Ágil (COFA)**. During 2024, we celebrate that most of the scholarship recipients have successfully completed their studies, which allows us to achieve the expected results of the project. This concludes a wonderful process of service. It fills us with joy to know that several of these scholarship recipients will continue to serve in other roles within CECE.

In addition, COFA provided a one-off grant to support students during their thesis projects and practical internships. In October, a meeting was held with all the scholarship operators implementing the project in Ecuador to evaluate the process and share the results of the audit. In November, we held the third meeting of scholarship recipients in Baños. Tungurahua, where training was offered training on **digital marketing and financial analysis for companies**.

Pray with us that next year, **COFA** will again consider CECE to receive a new cohort of scholarship recipients.



Fotos becarios COFA

Ministry to Professionals/Alumni

From the context of work Graduate Groups

The impact of CECE is not only reflected in university classrooms, but also extends to the various work contexts. We pray for the continued growth and strengthening of our ministry with professionals. We are deeply grateful to each professional who has contributed to the ministry and has been an essential element for the graduate groups to meet in different cities.

During 2024, we have had the participation of **25 professionals** in the National Camp. Furthermore, the graduate group in **Quito** began to meet again in August having 7 meetings. It has been challenging but also enriching to recognize the needs of graduates and to have a space for reflection and growth. Some of the topics studied include **Daniel** and the **Faith and Work** module from the Crosscurrents programme.

As part of their training, **Tommy Proaño and Jennifer Campo** participated in modules 2 and 3 online of the Crosscurrents program, coordinate by the Latin American region. Module 1 on **Faith and Work**, was replicated in Quito through virtual and face-to-face meetings held once a month.

We highlight the involvement of new professionals in mission activities, supporting local groups and serving in various roles.



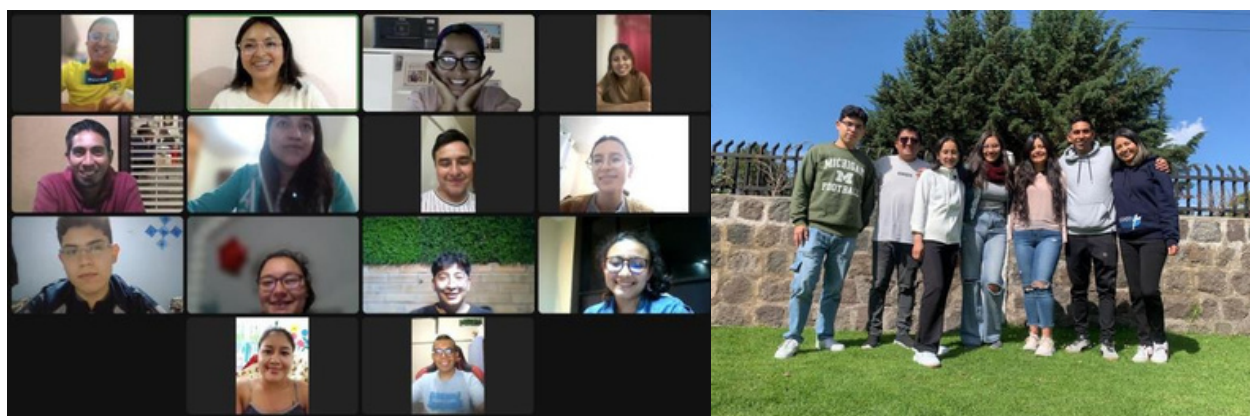
Fotos Nucleo de Profesionales

Surviving Transition

This year, a new cycle of the **Surviving Transition** material was offered, aimed at students who are completing their university studies and entering professional life. Nineteen people from various cities participated in three virtual sessions, culminating with an in-person gathering on June 29 and 30, attended by five professionals.

This material addresses **10 key topics** related to this transitional stage, including finances, church, family and personal relationships. The main objectives are: Offer pastoral care, cultivate a life of faithfulness to Jesus after University and provide practical tools to live this stage in a healthy way.

We invite professionals to continue to be an active part of CECE as **Staff, Graduate volunteers and Mission Partners**.



Fotos programa Sobreviviendo a la Transición

IFES Graduate gathering -Crosscurrents Module 4 on Work - Chile

The **Crosscurrents** program, offered by IFES Graduate Impact, consists of six modules focused on the development of Christian character in the work context.

From the **23-26 October**, the second in person gathering was held in Santiago, Chile, with the theme: Generosity: Redeeming Money. **Five Ecuadorian professionals** participated and found this module to be an excellent discipleship material for professionals, which can be implemented in the graduate group in each city, encouraging learning and fellowship.

We ask for prayer that the professionals who attended may be able to plan and develop activities in their local graduate groups with wisdom. We also pray that from this group a new national coordinator will emerge to continue the work, strengthening this ministry.



Graduate Volunteers

We would like to express our deep appreciation to the Support Professionals who volunteer between 8 and 10 hours per month of their time and talents for the benefit of the local groups. We currently have 17 Support Professionals in six cities.

Bruce Epps, José Israel and **Cisne Maldonado** have completed their time in this role, as have our brothers **Jonatan Gaguancela, Edison Vásquez, Jenny Campo** and **Isaac Peralta**, who are now serving as Pastoral Staff.

Continuing in this valuable role are: **Joel Sarabia, Gustavo Llantuy, Sara Terán, Jefferson Cuasque, Álvaro Pérez, David Vera, Valeria Castro, Jaime Quizhpi, David Bermeo, Samantha Acaro, Jonathan Lema, Jimena Medina, Tommy Proaño, Johanna Coque, Valeria Sánchez, Milena Calderón** and **Wendy Córdova**.

Special thanks to **Angie Defaz**, who served as the Professional Team Leader and stepped down from that role this year.

Logos and Cosmos Initiative – Consultation in Quito

Quito was the place where the Logos and Cosmos Initiative held its second in person consultation. With the participation of 50 people between catalysts and external academics, this was a time to hear about the projects that are being carried out and there were also talks by Dr. Christopher Hays about Science and Faith. CECE helped with the accommodation of some participants at the CECE house and Jonathan Lema, a Graduate Volunteer, provided logistical support during the event.

Pastoral Staff Team

The ministry of the **Pastoral Staff** is vital to CECE's mission. They walk with the coordinators of the student groups, guiding, discipling and resources. With their life and work they model integrity, sharing the gospel and love for God's Word.

This year biweekly team meetings and two in person retreats have important to nurture and strengthen this team.

Transition in the Pastoral Staff Team

During 2024, we have experienced significant transitions:

- In February, during the first staff retreat in Cuenca we welcomed **Jenny Campo** (Guayaquil), **Juan Andrade (Milagro)** and **Isaac Peralta**, who joined the team as staff interns.
- During the National Camp, Eduardo Gutierrez (Loja) and Daniel Castillo (Quito) finished their time of service. In August, at the second team meeting, we gratefully bid farewell to Carlos Ruiz, who concluded his time of service as Staff in Loja. At the same time, we welcomed **Jonatan Gaguncela (Urcuquí)** and **Eddy Vásquez (Quito)**.
- In November we expressed our thanks for the work of **Cristina Chiluzia (Ambato)** and **Jouseth Moya (Quito)**, who finished their time as staff in Ambato and as leader of the Communication Team (respectively). In addition, we send **Andrea Utreras**, who will continue to study a master's in theology at Regent College in Canada. Andrea will remain connected to CECE leading the Training and Content team during 2025.

Currently the following staff are part of CECE staff team:

Lizandro Bravo, Miguel Peñafiel, Jenny Campo (Guayaquil), Andrea Utreras, Wendy Panchi, Jeremy Guaña, Tatiana Vera, Isaac Peralta, Edison Vásquez (Quito), Nathaly Chamba (Loja), Juan Andrade (Milagro) y Jonathán Gaguncela (Urcuquí).

We thank God for this fantastic team and recognize their excellent pastoral work. We invite you to pray for them and consider joining their network of **Mission Partners**, supporting them to continue serving as missionaries in the universities.



National Team

We would like to express our thanks for the excellent work undertaken by the **National Team** that meets weekly to guide the strategic areas of CECE. In addition, it is a key space for leadership development. **Jouseth Moya** (Communication), **Andrea Utreras** (Training), **Miguel Peñafiel** (Pioneer Groups), **Guadalupe Muñoz** (National Director) are members of this team.

We are praying for a new coordinator for ministry to Professionals to join this team to strengthen this area of mission.

Communication Team

We are grateful for the constant, creative and committed service given by the National Communication Team, led by **Jouseth Moya**. The participants in the core team are: **Jefferson Cuasque**, **Milena Calderón**, **Jaime Quishpe**, **Génesis Benites** (student and scholarship recipient from Guayaquil who joined the team this year).

Furthermore, we are thankful for the help of others who have served in specific projects of in communications through Instagram for their local groups: **Filippo Toscano**, **Jimmy Sarango**, **Miguel Peñafiel**, **Belén Chiluzza**, **Fernanda Díaz**, **Yordy Apolo**, **Darlene Párraga**, **Joel Sarabia**, **Valeria Sánchez**.

We would like to highlight the excellent work of **Juan Andrade**, who took over the area of internal communication for CECE this year.

Communication Projects during 2024

The following table gives a summary of projects undertaken by the Communications Team during this year.

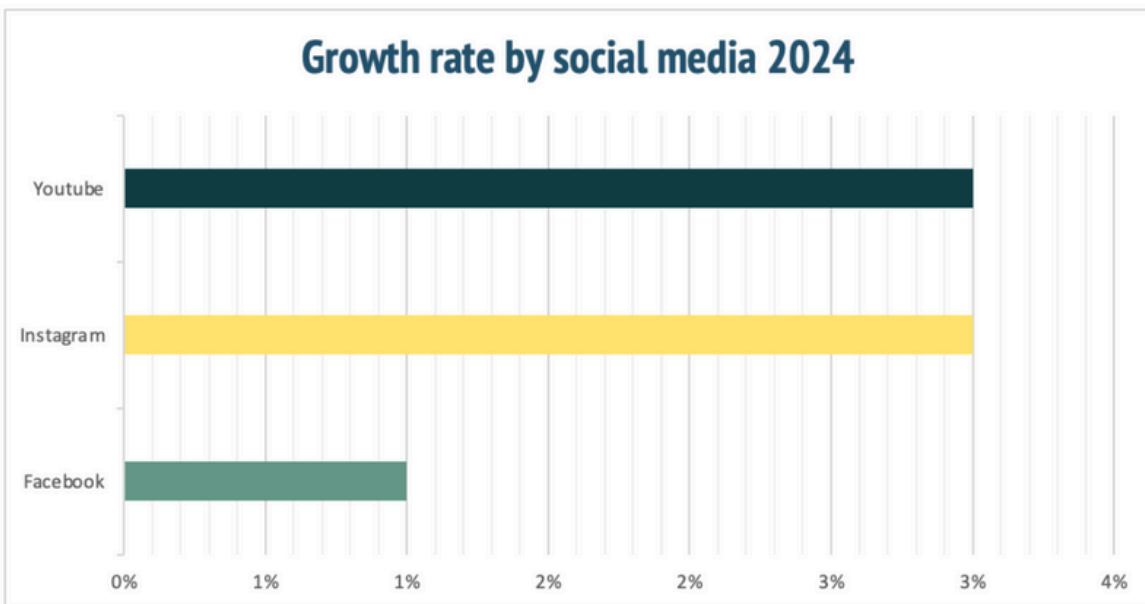
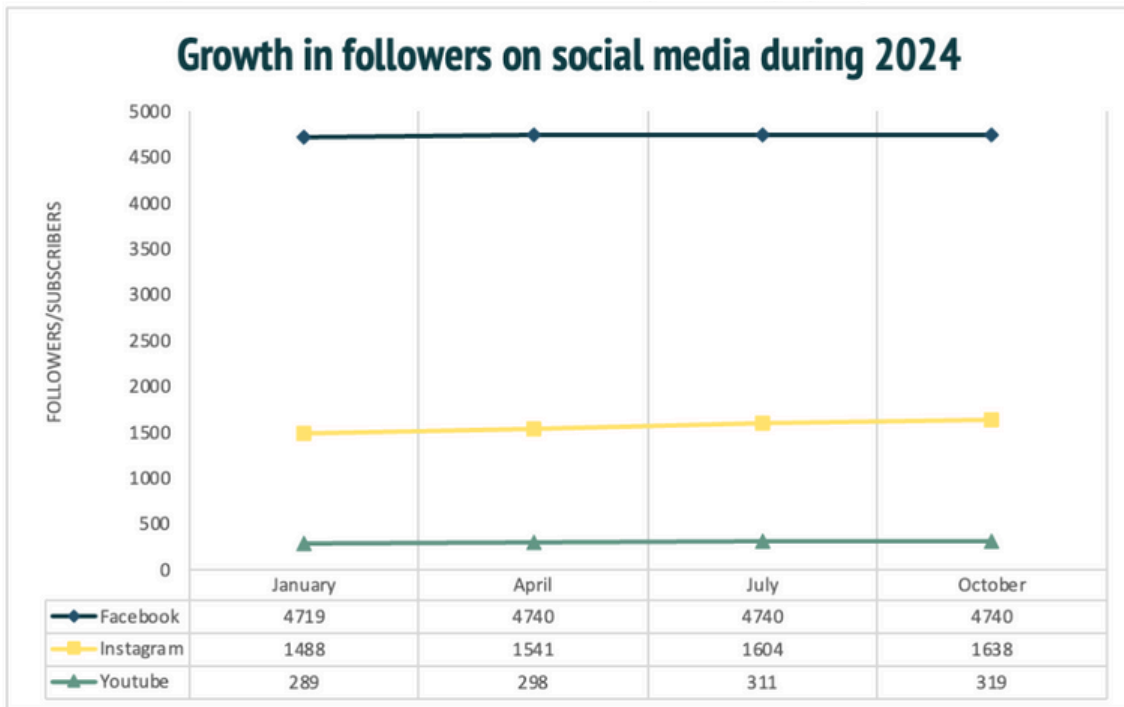
Communication Projects during 2024	
Book of year design for 2024 and 2025	Publicity CECE de Corazón
Promoción Fondotón 2024	Publicity World Student Day
Publicación de blogs semanales	Design of Bible Studies and invitations for Daniel
Devocionales PDF editables de Daniel	Design of Bible Studies and invitations for Gospel of Mark
Publicity National Camp – posters, workbook, coverage of event: photos, live transmission, videos, editing of photos and videos.	Publicity for workshops De Cole a la U and Surviving Transition
Publicity Student Leaders Training – poster, workbook and social media posts.	Publicity Fondotón 2025
IG Lives on Daniel	Design Annual Report
Anniversary - CECE de Corazón – social media posts and videos	Team leader transition
Transition in Internal communication	Coverage of Forum on Between genes and Beliefs, LCI Project coordinated by catalyser Álvaro Pérez.
Updating CECE web page	Support in specific tasks during ECUA event

Thank you to this team’s effort, CECE has strengthened its digital presence, consolidated its internal communication and helped make our mission more visible.

¡Glory to God for each aim that has been reached!



The following are tables that offer a summary showing growth on social media:



Content and Training Team

We give thanks to God for the formation of the **Contents and Training team** who lead key initiatives for the spiritual, academic and ministerial growth of students and professionals. This team is led by **Andrea Utreras**, other staff who participate are: **Isaac Peralta**, **Juan Andrade** and **Jenny Campo**.

The area of content and training is vital for CECE as they guide the design and orientation of the materials used in University Groups, ministerial training and national events such as the **National Camp** and **Student Leaders training** (EFE).

Achievements and Projects during 2024

Resources for Mission

- **Curriculum for the National Camp and Student leaders training:** The team gave structure to the workshops, biblical expositions, readings and educational materials based on the book of Daniel, focusing on leadership and forming students for mission in the university.
- **Bible Studies and Devotionals:** The team wrote a series of studies from the book of **Daniel** and **gospel of Mark** that has a great impact in the University groups. The studies included reflexive questions and practical activities that facilitate dialogue and action.
- **Instagram Live:** Two live transmissions took place which allowed participants to engage further with the bible studies and encouraged the use of resources on digital platforms.

Training and Formation

- **New Staff and Graduate Volunteers:** In July, this team coordinated the training for Staff Interns and Graduate Volunteers covering topics such as mission, pastoral care, communication and fund raising.
- **Staff and National Student Coordination Retreats:** This team gave leadership to strengthen abilities for ministry, leadership, to reflect on God's Word and to guide the students serving in CECE. This includes processes such as **the book of the year** and the **campus exegesis tool**

Workshops and Publications

- **Workshops:** were taught in educational institutions, churches and universities in addition to special events such as **Surviving Transition** and the **Andean Subregional training** event.
- **Weekly Blog:** Weekly publications with national and international contributors have encouraged reflection and dialogue on current topics related to faith and student life. **We invite you to explore the blog here:** <https://www.somoslacece.com/blog/>.

National Board

CECE's **National Board** (NB) is responsible for giving direction to the organization, being its legal representation and ensuring that its vision and ministry impact is taking place.

The NB is made up of **ten CECE professionals** with different profiles, academic and work backgrounds, together with **two student delegates** and the **National Director**. The NB plays a key role in the national movement, being responsible for the **governance** and **administration** which includes the organizations relationship with government departments such as employment and taxes. Each board member has a solid commitment with God and with the proclamation of the Gospel in the universities and the professional context in Ecuador.

Inspired by the example of the prophet Daniel who gave testimony to his faith even in the most difficult times, the NB has taken up the challenge of giving witness through their service.

Their aim is that each administrative action will promote mission and that more professionals will join in serving in the area of governance so that the student movement and the work of the students in the universities will be strengthened.

Achievements and Challenges for the National Board during 2024

During 2024 the NB undertook regular meetings to work on key themes of governance and administration. During these meetings the National Director and student representatives shared testimonies about how university groups around the country are moving forward.

The challenges ahead for 2025 are:

- **Fund raising** to continue and grow in mission.
- Improve the administrative processes so they are more efficient and useful for the National Director and staff team.



Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place on the 23 of November in Quito where reports from each area of the organization were presented, celebrating the faithfulness of

od during this past year. Over this same weekend, the National Student Coordination elected for 2025 met for their first gathering to get to know each other and prepare for the coming year. In addition, CECE Pastoral staff shared a Christmas celebration and time of thanksgiving. We thank God for the life of each member of our community.



Administrative Assistant

The role of **administrative assistant** is key to connecting the operative and administrative areas. In 2025 we hope that this role is more involved in mission activities such as the **National Camp** and **Student Leaders Training**, strengthening the understanding of mission and its impact. We thank God for the life of **Tatiana Paredes**, who undertakes this role with dedication.

Global Partners and Interinstitutional Relations

We are deeply grateful for the strategic partners who help carry out the mission. We highlight:

- Projects in partnership with **SIM** in Loja and Cuenca.
- Initiatives with **Misión Alianza de Noruega** in Guayaquil.

This working together has strengthened mission and increased the places reached throughout the country.

Interinstitutional Relations: Strategic Partners	
Objectives: Widen and deepen relationship with strategic partners to strengthen misión.	
Vínculos para el Cambio Paz y Esperanza	Misión Alianza in Guayaquil
Paz y Esperanza	SIM in Loja
TSCF	Confraternidad Evangélica Ecuatoriana
Comité Ecuménico de Proyectos - Becas COFA	IFES/ IFES América Latina
Nazareno San Francisco Church	Participation in meetings for religious organizations with the Government ministry department
English Fellowship Church	Church Evangélica de Iñaquito
Iglesia Arca de Noé in Guayaquil	Breaking New Ground BNG -IFES

Connection with IFES

We are part of **International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES)** a global family, serving university students in more than 170 countries. We thank God for the support received during 2024 from the **Staff-to-Staff** fund which strengthens the work of our staff and **Breaking New Ground** to support Pioneer student groups. We encourage you to learn more about IFES here: ifesworld.org.

Regional Staff Training Event (EFO)

Every four years the Latin American IFES regional team organizes a **regional staff training (EFO)**, an event which brings together staff from student movements from around the Latin American regions with the aim of trainings, equipping and to give tools to grow and develop university student mission in specific contexts.

In 2024 we had the honor of being hosts for this event which has the theme:



“Kingdom weavings: the divine story, our story and the university”. This event took place in Quito from 28 of April to 19 of May with the participation of 30 staff from around the region. CECE was represented by 2 delegates, **Juan Andrade** (Milagro) and **Miguel Peñafiel** (Guayaquil).

Participants had practical experiences working with groups on Ecuadorian university campuses where they led Bible studies, facilitated dialogues and did acts of service, including: workshops on mental health and integral human care, forums on science and faith, and discussions focused on contemporary issues.

“Sharing with other workers helped me to reinforce knowledge and encouraged me to continue as staff. The experiences shared with other movements in the region showed us that the Lord has control over darkness and chaos. A key lesson from the EFO was the coordinated work in national activities; it would be very enriching to implement this in our future context. The workshops and forums marked the common needs of the students, something significant for us as CECE.”

- Juan Andrade, CECE staff in Milagro

Andean Subregional Training Event

The Andean Subregional Training Event (ECUA) aims to strengthen the missionary capacities of students, staff and graduates so that they can give a faithful, fruitful and relevant witness to the Gospel in their contexts: the university and the workplace.

ECUA is organized every three years in different countries of the region. This year, it was held in **Lima, Peru**, from the 25-31 July.

We thank God that our movement was represented by a delegation of **25 participants**, who not only attended, but also served actively in areas such as: Workshops and logistics, Liturgy and small group leadership.

ECUA was an opportunity to share learning, strengthen relationships and renew commitment to university mission in the Andean region.



“Participating in ECUA 2024 in Lima, Peru, has been a transformative experience. One of the greatest echoes of hope that I take with me is the conviction that, although times are difficult, there is always a divine purpose in the midst of trials. As I studied the book of Habakkuk, I came to understand that faith does not depend on circumstances, but on trusting in God’s sovereignty. This encounter not only strengthened my faith, but also empowered me to be a better missionary at university. I learned how to be an active and effective witness in an academic setting, sharing my faith. This has motivated me to serve on my campus with greater passion and conviction.”

- Elías Salguero, Mathematics student at Yachay TECH

Join us in mission

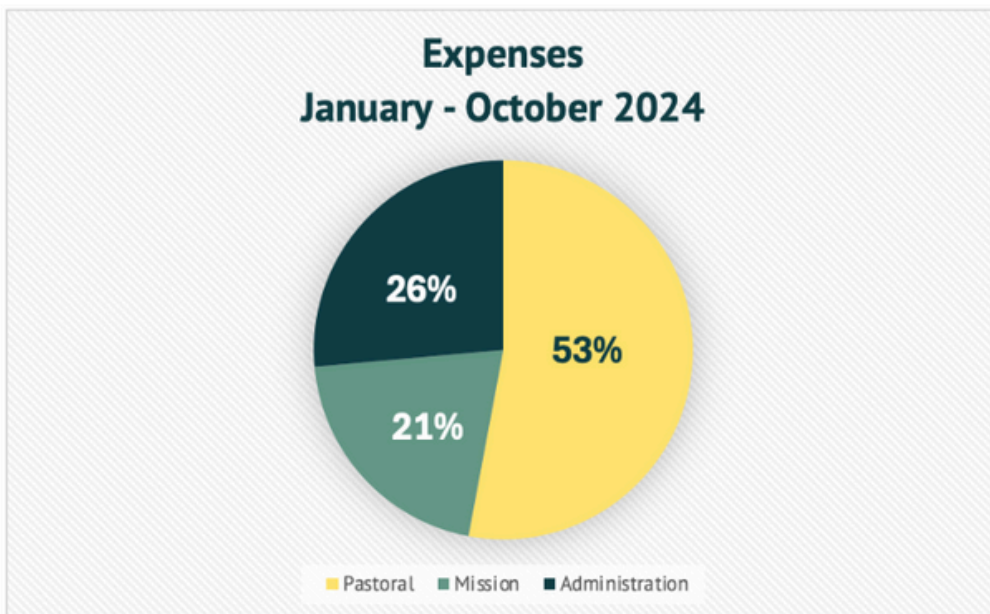
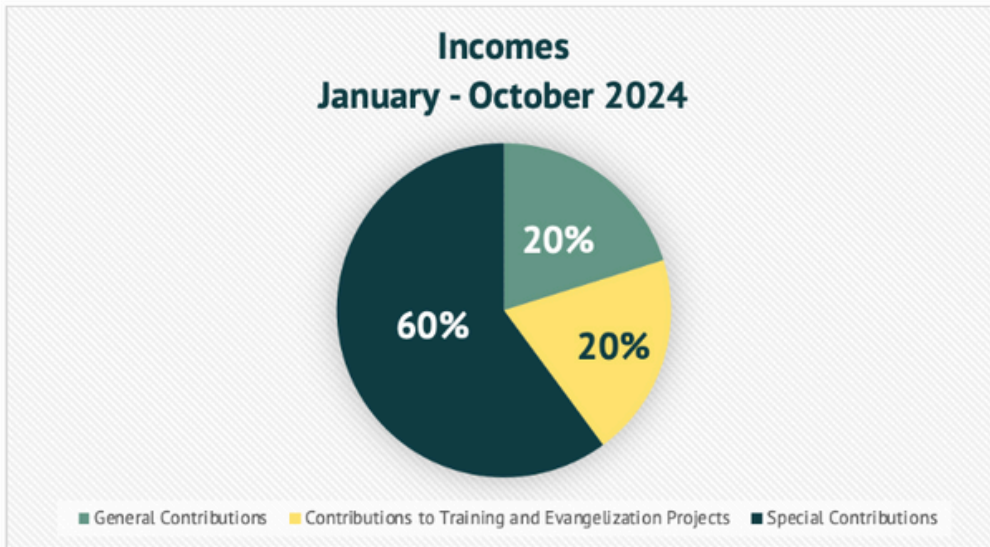
Financial support

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

# of Mission Partners								
2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
15	33	40	98	85	100	115	85	100*

*2024 figures do not include people who contributed to the Fondotón

God has been faithful to provide for student mission during 2024. Thank you to all Mission Partners for their generosity. Below is a summary of income and expenses up to October 2024.



Mission Partners

We are deeply grateful to each person who participates in the mission of taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all the universities of Ecuador. If you wish to join as a **Mission Partner**, you can do so in the following ways:

- 1. **Prayer:** Receive our news and join us in intercession for the students and the ministry.
- 2. **Regular Giving:** Support a specific advisor or project.

To make your donation or become a Mission Partner, visit: Donate - CECE.

You can also contribute by spreading the mission, inviting others to be part of this university movement.

You can give through a transfer or direct deposit in the following information:

Comunidad de Estudiantes Cristianos del Ecuador

Banco del Pichincha

Cuenta corriente No. 2100303365

RUC 1791786343001

After giving, please send an email to cece@somolacece.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 the following concerns:

- For new committed students to serve on their campuses and help consolidate the pioneer groups.
- For the strengthening of the area of work with Professionals and Graduates.
- For the growth and solidity of the Staff Team and Graduate volunteers
- For wise guidance from the National Board to the National Director, promoting effective administrative processes.
- For the economic support necessary to grow and continue the mission.
- For our country, in the face of the challenges of insecurity, energy security, politics, economics and social justice.

Vision for the future

This year has been a tangible demonstration of God's faithfulness and direction in our mission in the universities. I feel deeply grateful for the privilege of continuing this work, following in the footsteps of those who have led before with so much love and dedication.

In 2024 we faced significant challenges, but we also saw the fruit of the effort: the consolidation of University Groups, the increase in student and professional participation, and the strengthening of our community. I want to invite you to continue to be a community committed to our faith, living in a genuine way, being truly human and reflecting the love of Christ in every action. These words give us a hint of the book we will explore together in the coming year.

I deeply appreciate your support and commitment to the Mission of God in the universities of Ecuador during this year. Let us continue to pay attention to the university campus, to our neighbor and to the mission He has entrusted to us.

I close with these words of hope and encouragement from the book of Daniel:

"But you, endure to the end; rest, for at the end of the days you will arise to receive your inheritance" (Daniel 12:13).

May God guide us and give us strength to continue!