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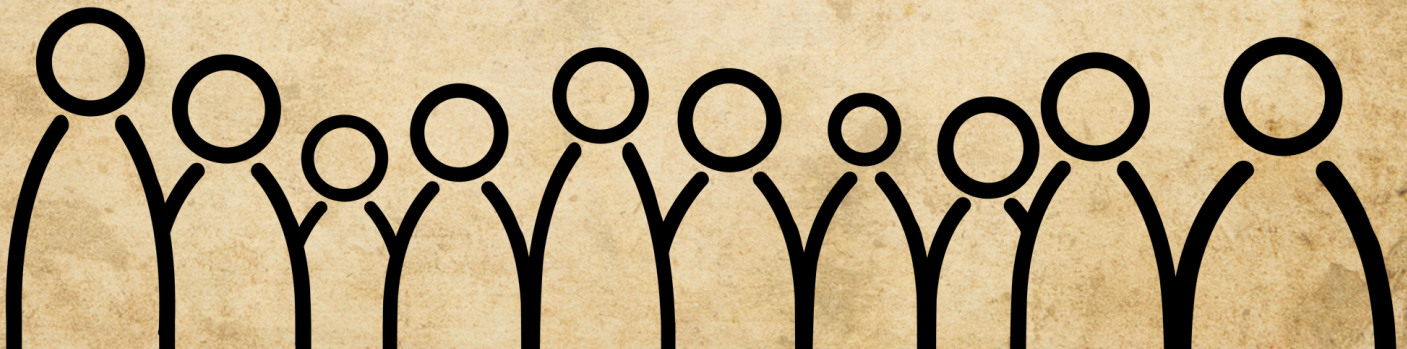
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WORDS FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

The apostle Paul reminds us in Romans of a truth that sustains our mission:

"For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen." (Romans 11:36).

This conviction has guided our journey in 2025, my second year serving as National Director of CECE, a time in which we have experienced God's grace sustaining every step.

In 2024 we learned, with the book of Daniel, to trust God in the midst of change. This year Romans invited us to contemplate deeply the mercy that transforms us, renews us, and sends us for mission. It has been a time of institutional growth, in which we have made progress in consolidating areas, strengthening processes, and **calling new people to lead teams and assume national responsibilities**, reflecting what Paul teaches: **"So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and each one is a member of one another"** (Romans 12:5).

Currently, we have **25** active **University Groups (UGs)** in **19 universities** in **13 cities across the country**, with an average weekly participation of **120 students**. These young people, like the believers of the church in Rome, have decided to be witnesses of the gospel in complex contexts. They actively participate in Bible studies, workshops, mentoring, and spaces for integration that proclaim the hope of Christ on campus.

This year we have also seen how God opens doors for new alliances, training opportunities, and student presence in places where we were not before. Through the commitment of the Pastoral Staff Team, student coordinators, national teams, the National Board, churches, mission partners, and volunteers, we have lived out what Paul exhorts: **"Never be lacking in zeal, but serve the Lord with the fervor that comes from the Spirit"** (Romans 12:11).

To all who support this mission with prayer, dedication, and generosity, thank you. May the God of hope continue to fill us with peace and joy as we move forward into what He has ahead (Romans 15:13).

Guadalupe Muñoz P.
National Director of CECE





UNIVERSITY MINISTRIES

FROM THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS...

The heart of CECE's mission is to proclaim, train, and send.

We want to tell you about God's work in the different meetings, training spaces, laboratories, classrooms, and libraries where Jesus walks in our country.

UNIVERSITY GROUPS (UG)

UGs are a key part and the core of the mission at the university. They are small mission groups that share Jesus through community life, acts of service, and Bible studies held week after week.

Currently, we have an average of 25 University Groups (UG) that meet in 19 universities in 13 cities across the country, with an average weekly participation of 120 students. This year, through Bible studies, we have explored the book of Romans and Homo Academicus material.



Below is a table showing the weekly participation of students in University Groups nationwide:

Quarter	Total
October -December 2024	111
January - March 2025	109
April - June 2025	123
July -September 2025	119
Average	115



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

Quarter	# GU's	# Converts	# non-believing believers	# Universities
October-December 2024	22	4	21	19
January-March 2025	23	2	30	17
April-June 2025	22	3	36	17
July-September 2025	21	4	27	17

During this year, several local evangelism initiatives stood out on university campuses. At the universities of Manabí, university tours were held for new students. In Quito, coffee and invitations to participate were handed out. In Imbabura, workshops were held in the context of the national strike. And many more initiatives.





Students continue to use evangelistic tools and Bible studies. This year, the studies of Romans and the Homo Academicus material proposed by the Logos and Cosmos Initiative (ILC, in Spanish) were used. Workshops and studies organized by each UG stood out among different forms of proclamation, designed to respond to the specific needs of their classmates.

The **Pastoral Staff Team** has worked actively to accompany and support the UGs in all cities. For many of them, this involves visiting the groups in person once or twice per semester, supplemented by virtual or in-person discipleship meetings.

The **National Director** has also carried out visits to students, coordinators, Staff, and professionals in different cities, which has been a source of great encouragement and renewal for everyone.

PIONEER GROUPS (PG)

A fundamental part of proclamation, training, and service is carried out through **Pioneer Groups (PGs)**. These are University Groups (UGs) that arise on new campuses or universities throughout the country.

Throughout the year, there has been sustained growth in university groups in different regions of the country, strong biblical training, and new spaces for student presence. At the same time, challenges remain related to in-person accompaniment, leadership rotation, and the availability of logistical and financial resources for monitoring the PG.

The year 2025 was a year of growth and consolidation for the Pioneer Groups. There was a greater commitment to the formation processes, with groups faithfully continuing their Bible studies and new student leaders emerging who give hope for the continuity of the movement.

In-person accompaniment has been a key factor, although limited by logistical and budgetary issues. Visits to different universities strengthened ties with the groups and allowed for the identification of new opportunities for growth.

Pioneer work in UNESUM and the continuous effort in Tulcán and Otavalo are significant developments for the expansion of the ministry. However, the natural rotation of students and the lack of permanent Staff in certain regions remain challenges that require priority attention.



Junior Anchundia, a 7th-semester student in the Environmental Engineering program at the Universidad Estatal Del Sur De Manabí, shares:

"Recently, God has given me the great blessing of being part of CECE MANABÍ, for which I am very grateful, and also of being able to share the Gospel where I study and be part of this community of young university students who are passionate about God and seek to share the Gospel. Thanks to that, I have been able to meet new people. And during this time that I have had the opportunity to form groups within the university, the need and importance of students having Christ in their lives has become evident... I hope to continue learning what God has prepared for my life and look forward to the way He will use my life to be a blessing to others."



Testimony by Nathalia Cedeño, law student at ULEAM.



"Being part of CECE has been one of the most meaningful and transformative experiences of my life. I have been part of this beautiful family for almost two years now, and when I look back, I can see with gratitude how much I have grown in different areas spiritually, emotionally, and also in my character. I have had the privilege of being part of the National Student Coordination, a stage that taught me the value of service, teamwork, and the importance of always depending on God in every step."

In our local community at ULEAM, I have seen God's hand at work in incredible ways: lifting hearts, renewing lives, and uniting purposes. **Thank you, CECE, for being that home where God has allowed me to grow, serve, and know the true meaning of community".**



NATIONAL STUDENT COORDINATION (CNE, IN SPANISH)

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

Being part of the CNE contributes to the growth of students. We thank God for this committed team, which has served faithfully throughout the year in various spaces such as the **National Camp (CN)**, the **Student Leadership Training (EFE, in Spanish)**, and other key moments of the movement.

We want to express our gratitude for the work and dedication of this year's CNE members, who have been an example of commitment and leadership: Jordy Apolo, Carolina León, Samuel Soria, Nathalia Cedeño, Margarita Vinueza, Samuel Ventura, Alejandro Flores, Zulay Benites, Gaby Peralta, and Elías Salguero.

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

"Being part of a community as large as CECE is truly a privilege, being part of it and meeting people nationwide who share the same context. Being a member of the CNE was a responsibility obtained in response to the need to represent the voice of each person who makes up CECE Guayaquil, as general coordinator of Guayaquil, being a spokesperson and representative. I like the idea that I can help even more, serve others, and take on new challenges with a community that supports me."

– Samuel Ventura





NATIONAL CAMP

In March, we held our **2025 National Camp** at Hacienda Emma del Rocío. This annual camp brought together students and professionals to explore the book of Romans under the theme: "Truly Human."

During the first quarter, the CNE and the Staff team actively participated in planning, recreational proposals, and the place selection, while working on giving structure and content to the event. Twelve workshops focused on Christian character formation, the Bible, and ministry skills were developed and facilitated by the Staff Team and Graduate volunteers. In addition, creative and interactive spaces were offered, such as the reading scripture, the Roman Pantheon, cultural night, entrepreneurship fair, dialoguetables, devotionals, small groups, and a workbook.

We had a biblical teaching from Josué Olmedo and a welcome visit from Ben Carswell, National Director of TSCF, New Zealand. A total of 100 people participated. We are deeply grateful for the excellent work of the CNE, the Staff Team, and our dear friends at CECE.



"Camp 2025 was a completely different experience for me compared to 2024... I had the opportunity to lead a day of camp, coordinate activities, and even act in a performance of the Book of Romans. (I never thought I would pretend to worship other gods, ha ha ha.) I have great memories! And by the way, don't forget that this year we took the trophy home at the cultural night. It was incredible!" - Students from Manabí





CECE OF HEART

CECE of Heart is our anniversary celebration, which takes place during the month of April. In 2025, we will celebrate 34 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 of Heart 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, several workshops from the National Camp were replicated during the month of celebration, addressing topics such as Mental Health, Digital Missionaries, and Bubble Christians. We thank the Staff for their facilitation and the students for their participation, as well as for the opportunity to connect with new contacts. Each activity had around 15 attendees, and we pray that these spaces will promote life and growth in the UGs.

Various local celebrations were held, inviting more people to join the mission.

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



Celebration in Quito



Celebration in Manabí



STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING (EFE, IN SPANISH)

The EFE 2025: Truly Human, Truly Community, took place in the midst of the social crisis due to the National Strike in September, where we had a change of location, finally taking place at the "Nueva Vida" camp in La Merced, Quito.

We shared topics related to the three areas of formation: Bible, Christian Character, and Tools for Mission. To this end, workshops were facilitated focusing on: IFES's mission at the university. A Justice and Peace forum was held, devotionals from Romans, working groups to explore the topics proposed by Homo Academicus, and to develop proposals for student initiatives to be implemented on campus. We had the participation of Juan Sebastián Bravo, Director of the Reasonable Faith Ministry in Ecuador, for the Word teaching.





WORLD STUDENT DAY (DME, IN SPANISH)

On October 16th, as part of our large international IFES family, we celebrated **World Student Day (DME)**. This year's theme was **"Much More"**, an invitation to pray for God to work in ways even greater than we can imagine or ask for.

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 invited students to persevere as disciples of Jesus on mission in their universities.

The groups carried out various activities to strengthen student life and the university mission, including a virtual prayer session open to students from different cities, visits to churches where they shared about the student mission and prayed for the country's universities, as well as times of sharing community on campuses, creating spaces for fellowship and reflection.



"The DME was a very special experience. The atmosphere was full of joy and fellowship, and I was able to better understand what it means to build community and feel part of one. I loved seeing how other people from the church, even those we hadn't had much contact with, managed to feel welcomed within CECE. In addition, this space allowed me to learn how to approach other students and share the message of salvation with them. Something that also impacted me greatly was seeing how we all came together in prayer. Despite our differences, we were united by what is most important: God's love and the mission we have as a university community."

**– Daniela Pulla, Central University of Ecuador
– Student of Public Administration**



FONDOTÓN

Fondotón 2026 took place on Saturday, November 8, 2025, in different cities, universities, and parks throughout the country. This is one of several initiatives that invite people to join the work of CECE and contribute financially to achieve our mission. Year after year, thanks to this, many students have been trained with practical tools and sent to serve on their campuses with commitment and diligence. Each participant registers to run or walk for one hour around a circuit. Those who register seek sponsors who will donate money for each kilometer run. Some sponsors give an amount per km, others a fixed amount as a one-time donation.

Total number of participants	43
Total kilometers promised	207
Total kilometers run	168
Average reached	92%
Total collected	\$1.800
Average contribution per participant	\$41,86





COFA SCHOLARSHIPS

We thank God for our collaboration with Corporación Fondo Ágil in Ecuador. Thanks to our joint efforts, we are able to carry out the Scholarship Program for disadvantaged youth. At the end of April, we held a meeting to finalize the 2021-2024 cohort. ThankGod, COFA has renewed its agreement with CECE, which allowed us to inaugurate the new 2025-2028 scholarship period. This time we have 11 scholarship recipients (10 from CECE and 1 pre-assigned by COFA) who are studying in the cities of Ambato, Guayaquil, Ibarra, Loja, and Quito.



To start their scholarship period, the students received a deposit for materials to help them cover their study tools. During this period, the scholarship recipients are also committed to carrying out social work in their communities related to their careers and strategic approaches to human rights. We are confident that their leadership in CECE and their local communities will continue to flourish throughout the duration of the program and beyond, as they serve as agents of change and ambassadors of peace.

This year, we also had the privilege of sending a CECE scholarship recipient as one of two representatives of Corporación Fondo Ágil to participate in the COP30, held from November 13th to 21st in Belém, Brazil.

"During my participation in COP30, I had the opportunity to join a global dialogue with young people, researchers, and scientists who exchanged views on climate threats. I was able to understand international negotiations and the strategic importance of solutions based on science, technology, and joint work. I also participated in an interfaith dialogue focused on the urgency of the climate crisis, where I was able to connect and share the vision of caring for God's creation as a driving force for action. This exchange underscored that the natural disasters we face call us to respond with compassion."

- Deyanira Iza, student of Food Agroindustry Engineering at Yachay, Urcuquí





MINISTRY WITH PROFESSIONALS/ALUMNI

FROM THE WORK CONTEXT

The impact of CECE is not only reflected in university classrooms, but also extends to different work contexts. 2025 has been a year where we have seen the hand of the Lord moving the hearts of some professionals to join the group and actively participate.

We pray for more Staff to work with professionals because projects such as Riobamba and Ambato are pioneer, and there is a need to sharespaces for professionals from different churcheswho are not familiar with the workplace as a mission field for bringing Jesus.

We thank God for the team dedicated to ministry with professionals: **Tommy Proaño, Jenny Campo, Jonathán Lema, Wendy Panchi, Samantha Ácaro (member of the Contracorriente Regional Team), and the close support of Guadalupe Muñoz, our Director.**

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

GRADUATE GROUPS

Face-to-face meetings have been held with Graduate Groups in the cities of Guayaquil and Quito during 2025. In terms of numbers,here is a comparative table of the two cities with active graduate groups, Quito and Guayaquil.

City	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	Average
Quito	10	10	10	10
Guayaquil	9	9	9	9



Guayaquil Graduate Group



Quito Graduate Group



GRADUATE TRAINING: CROSS-CURRENT

The **Cross-current** program, developed by IFES Impact for Graduates, consists of six modules focused on developing Christian character in the workplace.

Between May 9th and 11th, the module 5 of the Cross-current program was held in Panama, focusing on the theme "Humility, redeeming ambition," with the participation of Samantha Acaro and Ruth Hicks as part of the regional team. Subsequently, from September 12th to 14th, modules 1 and 2 were replicated, with the presence of potential coordinators from Riobamba and the CECE house as a meeting space. Module 5 replica took place from October 24th to 26th, 2025, in a hybrid format, with the participation of graduates from Quito, Guayaquil, and Riobamba. In addition, the module 4 replica has been scheduled for December 19th to 21st, aimed to those who have already completed previous modules. Finally, during the third quarter of 2025, module 6 was planned together with the team of ministry for professionals and members of the regional team, and the event will take place in Quito from January 22nd to 25th, 2026.



Testimonial – Samantha Acaro

“Module 5 in Panamawas a complete experience because it was shared in community, but it was also very challenging because we learned how to see ambition as God sees it. Personally, ambition always had a negative connotation for me, but this module challenged me to be ambitious for the Kingdom of God, His righteousness, and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:9-11 encourages us to aspire to be filled with love, to be blameless and full of righteousness, all for the glory and praise of our good God”.



Cross-current Module 5 - Panama



GRADUATE VOLUNTEERS

We want to express our deep gratitude to the Graduate volunteers, who have voluntarily dedicated between 8 to 10 hours of their time and gifts each month for the benefit of the Local Groups. We currently have 12 Graduate volunteers distributed across five cities.

During 2025, the Graduate volunteers have taken on various roles that are fundamental to the development of the university mission, offering accompaniment to the Local Groups, support to the team of ministry with professionals, and active participation in monthly meetings. Their work—often done behind the scenes—has been key to sustaining and strengthening the work in each region. In Quito, this service has been carried out by David Vera, Santiago Velasteguí, Ana Parada, Sara Terán, Jaime Quizhpi, Jessica Angos, and Gustavo Llantuy; in Guayaquil, by Jamileth Arroyo, Isaac Gómez, Valery Castro, and Karoline Saltos; in Manabí, by Johana Coque; in Otavalo, by Janeth Arango; and in Ambato, by Andrés Galarza, Jimena Medina, and Jonathan Bastidas.

UG meetings have been accompanied by graduate volunteers from various universities in Quito, Guayaquil, Ambato, Otavalo, and Manta, providing close support to students on each campus. We are grateful for the support provided by Álvaro Pérez at USFQ until May. The PdA have actively participated in multiple national and local spaces, including Fondotón, the National Camp, monthly meetings, university groups, EFE activities, retreats, and other events where their support has been essential.



Testimony Johanna Coque

“My participation as a PdA in Manabí has been quite an adventure, especially because of the culture shock. However, it has been enriching to learn more about the kingdom of God, overcoming challenges in the process that have borne fruit from that work. With the hope that every seed sown will bear abundant fruit in its time, I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of a pioneer group such as Manabí.”



PASTORAL STAFF TEAM

The ministry of the Pastoral Staff Team is vital to the mission of CECE. They walk alongside the coordinators of the University Groups, offering guidance, discipleship, and resources. Through their lives and work, they model integrity, sharing the Gospel, and love for the Word of God.

During 2025, we welcomed Tommy Proaño (Quito), Hugo Bedoya (Ibarra), Wendy Córdova (Ibarra), and Joel Sarabia (Ambato). We are grateful for the work of Jeremy Guaña (Quito), who finished his term as Advisor at the beginning of the year, and Nathaly Chamba (Loja).

Currently, the Pastoral Staff team is made up of:

Lizandro Bravo, Miguel Peñafiel, Jenny Campo (Guayaquil), Andrea Utreras, Wendy Panchi, Tommy Proaño, Tatiana Vera, Isaac Peralta, Edison Vásquez (Quito), Juan Andrade (Milagro) and Jonathán Gaguncela (Urcuquí), Joel Sarabia (Ambato), Hugo Bedoya and Wendy Córdova (Ibarra).

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



NATIONAL TEAM

We express our gratitude for the excellent work of the **National Team**, which weekly guides the strategic areas of CECE, in addition to being a key space for leadership development. This team is made up of: **Juan Andrade** (Internal Communication), **Andrea Utreras** (Training), **Miguel Peñafiel** (Pioneer Groups), **Guadalupe Muñoz** (National Director), **Edison Vásquez** (Communication), and **Wendy Panchi** (Mission Partners and Scholarships), who recently joined.



COMMUNICATION TEAM

We are grateful for the constant, creative, and committed work of the **National Communications Team**, led this year by **Edison Vásquez**. This core team has been made up of: **Fernanda Díaz** (student from Quito, who joined this year), **Yordy Apolo**, and **Santiago Velasteguí**.

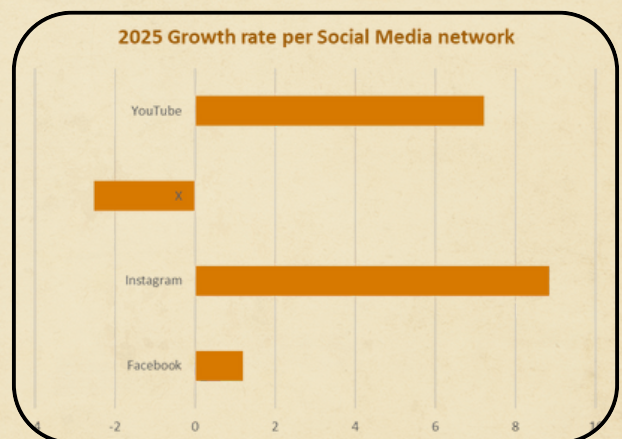
We also appreciate the support of collaborators who have worked on specific projects, events, or managing the Instagram accounts of their LocalGroups: **Filippo Toscano**, **Jefferson Cuasque**, **Jaime Quizhpi**, **Miguel Peñafiel**, **Génesis Benites**, **Darlene Párraga**, and **Joel Sarabia**.

Below are some of the activities and projects carried out by the Communications Team:

- 2024 Annual Report
- Design of the 2025 Book
- National Camp communications
- Social Media Blog Posts
- Discipleship Process: Art and Faith
- New Merch for the New Zealand Trip and Future Events
- Publications & Schedule
- Communication Team Planning Retreat
- Promotional Content for EFE 2025
- Design of the 2026 Book
- Registration and Training for the YouVersion Platform
- Unification, corrections, and adjustments to the CECE logo and those of the different cities

Thanks to the joint efforts of this team, CECE has strengthened its digital presence, consolidated its internal communication, and effectively promoted its mission.

Below, we share the tables that summarize the growth on social media.





INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Throughout 2025, the IT department consistently supported CECE's mission, ensuring that our digital tools, systems, and platforms worked in a stable and secure manner and served the movement. Below are the main advances and actions carried out throughout the year.

Institutional website and digital presence

This year, we worked continuously to maintain and improve our website, <https://www.somoslacece.com/>. We updated profiles in the "Our Team" section, reorganized content to make it clearer and more accessible, and continued to publish weekly blog posts until July 7, 2025.

General updates to the web system, operational corrections, and training were also carried out so that new collaborators can manage the platform without difficulty. In this way, we ensure that CECE has a digital presence that is orderly, up-to-date, and aligned with its identity.

Teams, Microsoft 365, and user account management

We provided ongoing support to the team in the use of collaborative tools.

Throughout the year, accounts were created and refined, folder access and permissions were managed, and direct support was provided to Staff, administrators, and students who had difficulty logging into Teams.

In addition, basic training in Microsoft 365 was offered and continuous follow-up was provided to ensure that everyone could work smoothly and securely.

Institutional emails, MailChimp, and digital communications

The IT department actively supported the organization's internal and external communications. Institutional emails were prepared and sent—including key communications such as "After CN25"—and several informational campaigns were set up and debugged in MailChimp.

Similarly, we collaborated in sending out evaluation forms, reports, and other digital messages necessary to keep our community informed.

Administrative systems, forms, and digital platforms

During this year, progress was made in defining the requirements and technical documentation for the future CECE Administrative System, which will allow for the organization of internal information and processes.

Tools such as Shift were also configured, and forms were managed for UG, Pastoral Staff Team evaluations, and other institutional processes.

Finally, PayPal and Donorbox accounts were configured and linked, strengthening the infrastructure necessary for fundraising and organizational administration.



Technical support and user assistance

Across the board, ongoing support was provided to the national team, advisors, volunteers, and students.

This included resolving access issues, configuring digital tools, optimizing work documents, and improving the virtual meeting experience (such as options for screen sharing or annotation).

We also participated in internal training processes, including programming topics, university tools, and AI-supported professional training.

CONTENT AND TRAINING TEAM (C&T)

We thank God for the formation of the CECE **Content and Training Team**, which leads essential initiatives for the spiritual, academic, and ministry development of students and professionals. This team is led by **Andrea Utreras** and made up of Staff members **Isaac Peralta, Jenny Campo, and Jonatan Gaguancela**.

We highlight the constant and excellent work of the C&T Team. We recognize the challenge of leading the team by Andrea Utreras, who is currently pursuing her Master's degree at Regent College in Canada. And we are grateful for the impeccable work of the field team in Ecuador.

The Content and Training area is key to CECE, as it is responsible for the design and orientation of the materials used in University Groups, ministry training, and national events such as the **National Camp and the Student Leadership Training (EFE)**.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROJECTS 2025

MISSION RESOURCES

- **Book of the Year:** Work on the metaphor, motto, pastoral approach, theological approach, and mission guidelines for the 2025 and 2026 Books of the Year. This is a large process that requires the participation of the entire community in discerning together the biblical foundation that guides CECE in its being and missionary work.
- **Studies for Local Groups:**
- **Book of the Year Studies:** The team designed eight studies of Romans based on the Inductive Method, with a guide for student coordinators.
- **Devotionals:** Material on Romans proposed by YouVersion was used, in which about 35 students nationwide participated, interacting through the platform. It was a good step toward strengthening the collaboration with YouVersion and working toward the publication of CECE materials and resources here.
- **Homo Academicus (ILC):** The guides for Listening and Dialogue Groups: Homo Academicus from the Logos and Cosmos Initiative (ILC) are being used in University Group meetings.
- **Workshops and Curriculum for the National Camp and EFE.**



- **CECE of Heart:** Some workshops from the National Camp were replicated as part of the celebration. The topics were: Mental Health: Stress Management, Digital Missionaries, and Bubble Christians.
- **Blog:** During the year, blogs were submitted and published irregularly. In the second semester, weekly blog publication was discontinued. We found it difficult to sustain the process due to the heavy workload and academic demands of the Staff responsible. We recognize that this has been a pending issue for CECE, and we pray for clarity in evaluating and sustaining the publication of the blog, which is beneficial to the national and international community.
- **Instagram Live (September):** Juan Sebastián Bravo talked about questions from the book of Romans. We are grateful to the CNE and the Communication Team for facilitating this space.
- **YouVersion:** We are grateful for the link to the YouVersion platform to share Bible study and devotional materials. Together with the Communication Team and two members of the C&T Team, we will work on this with a view to growing in the coming year: [YouVersion Profile](#)

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Staff Meetings and Training:

• **Training Week for new Junior Advisors and Graduate volunteers (February):** The team provided updated content for training, focusing on practical cases and new readings.

• **First Pastoral Staff Retreat (February):** Design and development of materials for training, meditation on the Word, and work with the Staff team on the book of the year.

• **Second Pastoral Staff Retreat (August):** Ruth Hicks, from the Regional Team, facilitated the Mission at University workshop and reviewed an introduction for the 2026 book of the year. Other activities included: Mission at University part 2, quiet time with material from Scripture Engagement, and a dialogue on Justice and Peace.

• Other training opportunities:

o Biweekly Staff Meetings

o FULLER Seminary Diploma in Faith and Mental Health (participation of two Staff members)

o Connecting with the University – Cohort

o Scripture Engagement – Cohort

o Digital School of Theology – C&T Team members participated in one or two courses offered.

Meetings and training for CNE:

o **First CNE 2025 Meeting:** With the incoming CNE, we reviewed the material on what it means to serve in the CNE, an introduction to the book of the year along with discipleship material, and a governance workshop. We also reviewed the calendar for 2025 and projections for the National Camp.

o **Second CNE 2025 Meeting:** We explored Modules 1 and 2 of IFES Mission at University, focusing on Evangelism and Contextualization. And spaces were designed for the CNE to work on pastoral accompaniment, strengthening teamwork, prayer, and upcoming events such as EFE and Fondotón.



NATIONAL BOARD

The **CECE National Board** (JD) is the body responsible for leading the institution in fulfilling its vision, supervising its ministerial performance, and acting as the legal representative of the organization.

It is composed of ten professionals (seven principal members and three alternates), with national representation and diversity in terms of gender, city of origin, academic backgrounds, and professional experience. Two student delegates and the National Director, who has only voice, also participate with voting rights.

Through its work, the JD gives institutionalism to CECE by responding to labor, tax, and legal membership authorities in accordance with current laws.

The members of the JD maintain a good relationship with the Lord, their local churches, and with the mission of proclaiming the Gospel in universities and professional circles in Ecuador.

It always prioritizes the study and reflection of the Word of God, according to the book chosen each ministry year, in order to remain faithful to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ within the context in which we live and bear witness to Him.

The National Board, through its administrative and other responsibilities, seeks to ensure the fulfillment of the mission and to support students and professionals in the journey.



ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES OF THE NATIONAL BOARD IN 2025

- During our Annual General Assembly, the new National Board was elected for a three-year term.
- In its trimestral meetings held each year, it received reports from the National Director, the National Student Coordination, the Finance Committee, and the respective commissions. It evaluated the performance of the National Director and the National Board itself, with input from all levels of CECE.



- Both at the General Assembly and at the National Board meetings, the growth of several groups was evident, as were the testimonies of students touched by Jesus Christ at the various CECE events and spaces.
- As members of the National Board, some of us have actively participated in various local, national, and international meetings of CECE and IFES. This allowed us to have direct contact with our members.
- The most immediate challenge is to obtain the registration and legalization of the new National Board before the country's authorities.
- Develop mechanisms for the security of our office location and the Staff who work there. In recent days, criminals broke in at night and stole several valuable items and tools used for ministry.
- Continue to strengthen our governance and modern administrative and financial lines of action, keeping with the times, to continue expanding our MISSION in universities and professional circles.
- Maintain and deepen our relationship with IFES as part of our global family. We are very grateful to IFES for its longstanding and ongoing support of CECE.
- Of course, may everything redound to the benefit of all of us who are part of CECE.

Glory to God!

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our ordinary General Assembly was held on November 28th in Quito, where reports from the various bodies were received and God's faithfulness throughout the year was celebrated. The National Student Coordination elected for 2026 met for the first time to get to know each other and prepare for the coming year. In addition, the Staff team held their Christmas celebration and Thanksgiving service. We thank God for the life of each member of our community.



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The role of the **Administrative Assistant** is key to connecting the operational and administrative areas. In 2025, we hope that this role will be more involved in operational mission activities, such as the **National Camp** and the **Student Leadership Training (EFE)**, which will strengthen the understanding of ministry and the impact on the mission. We thank God for the life of **Tatiana Paredes**, who has served in this position with dedication.



INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS AND GLOBAL PARTNERS

We are deeply grateful to have **strategic partners** who contribute to the fulfillment of our mission. We highlight:

- Projects in collaboration with the **Ecumenical Projects Committee** – COFA Scholarships
- Initiatives with **Mission Alliance of Norway** in Guayaquil.
- Logos and Cosmos Initiative: **Opening Paths of Justice and Peace** in Latin America

These joint efforts have strengthened our mission and expanded our reach in the country.

Inter-institutional relations: Strategic Partners	
Objective: Strengthen and deepen ties with strategic partners to carryout the mission	
Links for Change	Mission Alliance in Guayaquil
Peace and Hope	Opening New PathsBNG-IFES
TSCF - New Zealand	Ecuadorian Evangelical Fellowship
Ecumenical Projects Committee - COFA Scholarships	IFES / IFESLatin America
English Fellowship Church	Evangelical Church of Iñaquito
San Francisco Nazarene Church	Noah's Ark ChurchGuayaquil
Church of Godin Guayaquil	IFES Logos and Cosmos Initiative (ILC)



CONNECTION WITH IFES

We are part of the **International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES)**, a global network that impacts university students in more than 180 countries. During 2024, we thank God for the support received through the **Staff-to-Staff** programs, which strengthen the work of our Staff team, and **Opening New Paths**, aimed at forming Pioneer Groups. We invite our community to learn more about IFES' global ministry by visiting: ifesworld.org.

·IFES – Andean Subregion: At the beginning of the year, Carlos Castillo was introduced as the new General Secretary of CCU–Bolivia and Carmen Benítez as the General Secretary of UCU–Colombia. Ruth Hicks' role as Regional Team delegate for the Andean Subregion was also made official. During the year, work on ECUA 2026 progressed, and at the General Secretaries' Meeting, upcoming regional events and participation profiles were shared.

·IFES Latin America: Grants have been received to support various projects for students and Staff. In addition to ongoing accompaniment and training for the different levels of CECE.





EXCHANGE WITH TSCF, NEW ZEALAND

In March, we received a visit from the Secretary General of the movement in New Zealand, Ben Carswell, who had meetings with the National Board and participated as a facilitator in CN25. Later in the year, Lizandro Bravo and Wendy Panchi, Staff members, participated at the national Summit event in **Ngaruawahia**. We thank God for the hospitality, prayers, and constant support of TSCF. In addition to the offering received at the auction and purchase of CECE products. Everything goes towards supporting the student work.

"It was amazing to share with our sister movement in New Zealand. It is a blessing to see how the IFES community is growing and persevering even on the other side of the world. I was very inspired to see the testimony of our brothers and sisters from TSCF, both students and professionals, who serve with conviction and commitment in their universities. I am very grateful for the hospitality shown and the new friendships forged in and for the mission." - Wendy Panchi, Staff in Quito.





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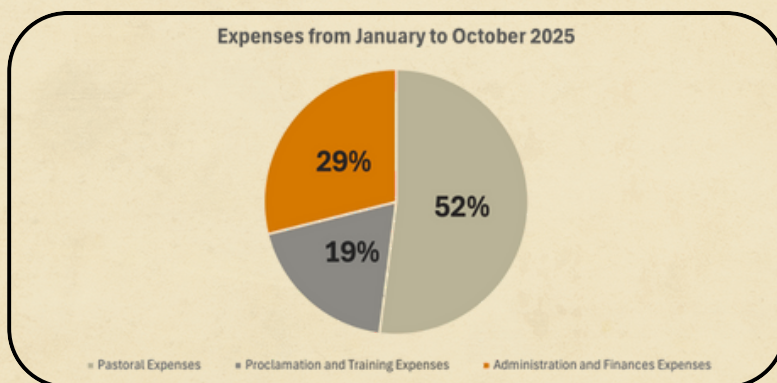
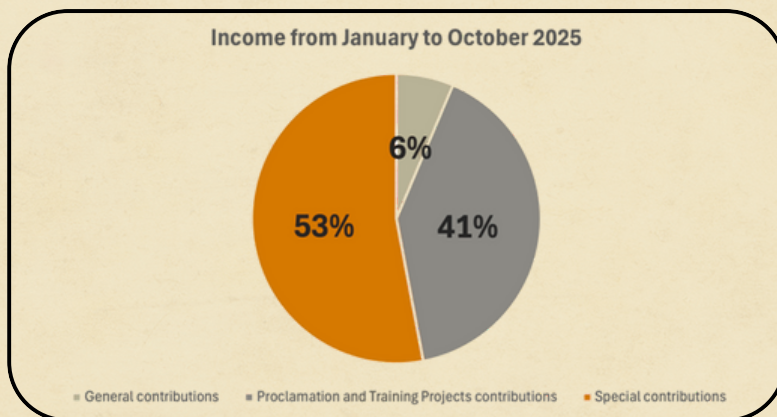
FUNDING

We thank the Lord for His provision and for the **Mission Partners** who have faithfully given and prayed to support the ministry to university students.

Mission Partners									
2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
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*The year 2025 does not include data from sponsors who supported Fondotón.

God has been faithful in providing for the mission during 2025. Thank you to all Mission Partners for your generosity. Below is a summary of income and expenses until October 2025.





MISSION PARTNERS

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

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

To make a donation or become a Mission Partner, visit: [Donate - CECE](#).

You can also collaborate by sharing about the mission, inviting others to be part of this university movement.

You can make your contribution by transfer or deposit using the following information:

For bank transfers from abroad or outside of Ecuador

Account holder: C.E.C.E. Comunidad de Estudiantes Cristianos del Ecuador

Cheque Account No.: 2100303365

SWIFT Code: PICHECEQXXX

Address: Naciones Unidas y Amazonas

You can also give through IFES:

1. Click on https://ifesworld.org/en/give/?switch_language=en
2. Choose the option that is suitable for you in "I pay taxes in", at the right side of the chart.
3. Choose the "Give once" or "Monthly" option.
4. Choose or enter the amount you wish to donate.
5. Select "Country: Ecuador."
6. Please leave a note specifying which area or staff member you would like your donation to be directed.
7. Click "Continue."
8. Fill in the payment information.
9. Click "Donate."

After making your donation, please send an email to cece@somoslacece.com to confirm your deposit.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We invite you to join us in prayer for the following reasons:

- For new committed students who will serve on their campuses and help consolidate the pioneer groups.
- For the strengthening of the area of work with Graduates and Professionals. Particularly for the Cross-current module that we will be hosting in January 2026.
- For the growth and strength of the Pastoral Staff Team and Graduate volunteers.
- For wise guidance from the National Board to the National Director, promoting effective administrative processes.
- For the financial support necessary to expand and continue the mission.
- For our country, facing challenges of insecurity, delinquency, politics, economy, and social justice.



VISION FOR THE FUTURE

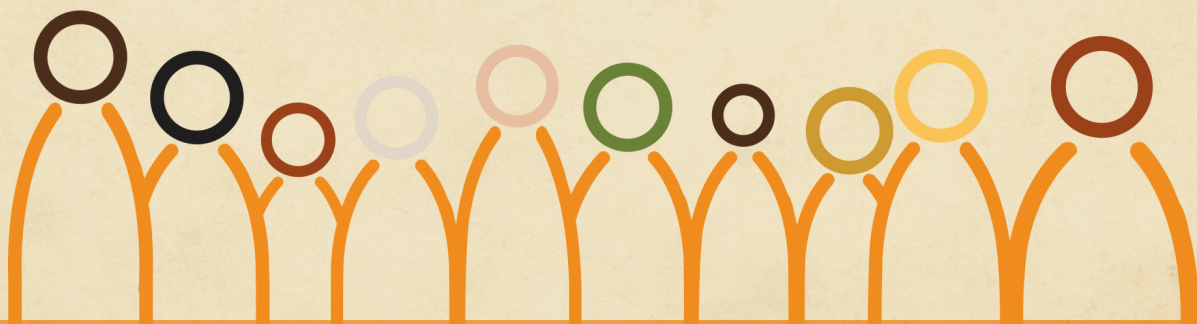
2025 has been a year in which challenges not only continued but also called us to grow. We have seen how the mission is expanding and how the work requires new hands, new voices, and new leadership. This growth has led us to strengthen teams, delegate responsibilities, and open spaces for more people to take on national tasks with conviction and spiritual maturity. In the midst of this process, we have experienced God's patient guidance, reminding us that the mission is greater than any of us and that He continues to shape His people step by step.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we feel that the Lord is leading us to reflect on the wisdom we need to continue walking faithfully. It will be an opportunity to deepen our discernment, our practical life of faith, and that path to wisdom that Scripture invites us to walk with humility and obedience. We believe it will be a time to better order our steps, listen more clearly, and joyfully live out the responsibilities He entrusts to us.

We move forward confident in the promise that accompanies us:

"Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5).

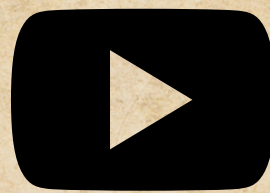
May God guide us and give us strength to continue!





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