

Dear Friends in the USA,

I am writing from the bottom of my heart. We are so happy, excited and grateful because this year it will be very especial for everyone who belongs to FEDICE. **2019 brings FEDICE to its 25th year of operations!**



Yes, thanks to God, FEDICE is turning 25 years old with the ecumenical work of improving the living conditions of people in our Ecuadorian communities, and especially of hard working women. However, when we say WOMEN, we talk about the families behind these women; men, boys and girls from rural communities who carry out their activities day- by-day, conserving their own customs, their culturally learned productive activities from generations from times past, but now with more resources and through the training received by the technical team of FEDICE. **Dear Brothers and Sisters from USA, your gifts are what makes this process continue!!!**



We continue working with our brothers and sisters from the communities, by offering them loans to fund crops and animal production, by providing leadership opportunities in community efforts, by partnering with the neediest to provide adequate and safe housing, by supporting child day care centers for working mothers, by promoting fair trade in these depressed, remote communities, and by empowering these women and families to become self-sustaining. How I wish you could see the humble, grateful people as they flourish with even the smallest changes in their communities!

Thanks to God, after 25 years, we are able to continue with the legacy of Violet Groth Vaca and Victor Vaca, able to continue with their dream and continue working with **FAITH**, with **JOY** and with **HOPE**



**Faith without works is Dead, James 2:17**

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