

Statement from David Johnson, September 2024

I first became involved with FEDICE when I visited Violet and Victor Vaca in Quito, Ecuador. As a nephew of Violet, it was obvious to me that they still had a passion for serving the various rural groups in the higher elevations around Quito.

The Vaca's wanted to make sure that FEDICE continued to serve these populations even after they were no longer able to be the driving force. So, I was the person that assumed the role of transition planning.

I received help from a good friend and we applied for and received non-profit status here in the United States. This allowed FEDICE USA to establish bank accounts and start a path for financially helping FEDICE in Ecuador with money for grants and loans that would be used in the rural areas.

I visited Ecuador many times and have had the opportunity to visit the communities that FEDICE was and is working in. It has always amazed me how two people (Violet and Victor Vaca) could have such a positive effect on literally thousands of people.

The organization continues to work with the rural indigenous groups to educate, assist in building better economies, and in being a trusted resource for these villages.

I have always learned as much as I have given when it comes to serving FEDICE.

Jesus said in John 13:34 that as disciples, "we are to love one another."

My work with FEDICE has given me the opportunity to do this in ways I never would have imagined. I would encourage others to join the work of FEDICE.

