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## A CHRONOLOGY OF PROTESTANT BEGINNINGS: ECUADOR

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### Historical Overview of Ecuador:

Independence from Spain declared:	1819
Incorporated into the federation of Gran Colombia:	1822
Independent republic established:	1830
Religious freedom established:	1896 (1915)
Number of North American agencies in 1989:	75
Number of North American agencies in 1996:	56
Indicates European society*	

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### Significant Protestant Beginnings or Events:

- 1824 - British and Foreign Bible Society colporteur James Thomson; followed by Lucas Matthews in 1828
- 1888 - American Bible Society colporteur Francisco Penzotti refused entrance to Ecuador
- 1896 - Gospel Missionary Union, USA & Canada
- 1897 - Christian and Missionary Alliance, USA (Ecuadorian Evangelical Church)
- 1900 - Methodist Episcopal Church, Foreign Mission Board
- 1902-1904 – Independent Pentecostal missionaries
- 1905 - General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists (1916)
- 1931 - HCJB, World Radio Missionary Fellowship
- 1935 - Church of the Brethren (1946)
- 1941 - Child Evangelism Fellowship (1952)
- 1945 - The Missionary Church, World Partners
- 1945 - United Church of Christ, Board of World Ministries (a 1957 merger of Congregational, Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Churches)
- 1946 - United Andean Indian Mission (UAIM, a cooperative ministry of the United Methodist Church, United Church of Christ, Presbyterian Church in the USA, and the United Presbyterian Church in the USA)
- 1946 - OMS International of Canada
- 1947 - Evangelical Covenant Church
- 1948 - Mission Aviation Fellowship
- 1949 - Association of Evangelical Churches of Ecuador (Gospel Missionary Union)
- 1950 - Southern Baptist Convention (now, International Mission Board)
- 1950 - OMS International, USA (1952) – Misión Interamericana
- 1950 - Inter-Mission Fellowship (an ecumenical body)
- 1951 - World Mission Prayer League, USA & Canada (Lutheran) – Misión Evangélica Luterana
- 1953 - Wycliffe Bible Translators, USA & Canada

- 1953 - General Conference Mennonite Church
- 1955 - Heifer Project International
- 1956 - Five missionaries killed by Auca (Shuar) Indians in the Amazonian region
- 1956 - International Church of the Foursquare Gospel
- 1956 - Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ecuador
- 1957 - United Pentecostal Church
- 1959 - Berean Mission, Inc.
- 1959 - Apostolic Church of the Name of Jesus
- 1960 - Episcopal Church-Anglican Church, USA-Great Britain
- 1960 - Iglesia de Cristo Misión Evangélica Ecuatoriana (a national church body)
- 1960 - Misión Nacional (a national church body)
- 1962 - Assemblies of God World Missions
- 1962 - Christian Church and Churches of Christ
- 1964 - United Evangelical Church of Ecuador (a 1964 merger of the Church of the Brethren and the United Andean Indian Mission, UAIM)
- 1965 - Campus Crusade for Christ
- 1965 - Overseas Crusades-Servicio Evangelizadora para América Latina (SEPAL)
- 1966 - Trinitarian Pentecostal Church of God (a national church body)
- 1967 - The Evangelical Confraternity of Ecuador (CEE)
- 1967 - Fellowship International Mission
- 1967 - Church of the Holy Spirit (a national church body)
- 1968 - \*South American Lutheran Mission of Norway
- 1968 - Ecuadorian Evangelical Missionary Association - Asociación Misionera Evangélica Ecuatoriana (a national church body)
- 1968 - Ecuadorian National Mission, Church of Jesus Christ (a national church body)
- 1969 - Mennonite Church
- 1969 - Every Home for Christ Crusade
- 1969 - The Church of the 31 – La Iglesia de la 31 (a national church body)
- 1970 - Back to the Bible International
- 1970 - Independent Universal Church of Christ (a national church body)
- 1970 - Ecuadorian Assemblies of God Evangelical Church (a national church body)
- 1971 - Church of God World Missions (Cleveland, TN)
- 1971 - Damascus Christian Church
- 1972 - Church of the Nazarene
- 1972 - World Baptist Fellowship Mission
- 1975 - Baptist Bible Fellowship International
- 1975 - Latin America Mission – Minamundo (a student ministry)
- 1975 - Compassion International
- 1975 - Mission to the World, Presbyterian Church in America
- 1975 - Evangelical Methodist Church of Ecuador (a national church body)
- 1975 - The Glory of God Council of Pentecostal Churches (a national church body)
- 1975 - Free Methodist Church of North America
- 1975 - Philadelphia Church in Ecuador (a national church body)
- 1976 - World Gospel Crusades
- 1978 - Lutheran Frontier Missions
- 1978 - Ecuadorian Prison Association – Asociación Carcelaria Ecuatoriana
- 1978 - World Vision International
- 1978 - Tele-Missions International
- 1979 - Christians in Action
- 1979 - Body of Christ Christian Church (a national church body)
- 1980 - Pentecostal Evangelical Congregation (a national church body)

- 1981 - Evangelical Prison Crusade Association of Ecuador - Asociación Cruzada Evangélica Carcelaria del Ecuador
- 1982 - Church of God of Prophecy
- 1982 - Lutheran Bible Translators
- 1982 - Rosedale Mennonite Missions
- 1982 - Youth for Christ, USA
- 1982 - The Word Christian Church – Iglesia Cristiana Verbo
- 1982 - EUNICE Evangelical Church of Ecuador – Iglesia Evangélica EUNICE del Ecuador (a national church body)
- 1984 - Latin American Council of Churches – Concilio Latinoamericano de Iglesias (CLAI)
- 1985 - Calvary International
- 1985 - MAP International (1979)
- 1985 - Christ for the Nations – Cristo al Mundo
- 1987 - Lutheran World Service
- 1988 - Baptist Mid-Missions
- 1989 - Global Outreach Limited
- 1989 - SIM International (a merger a various mission agencies), USA & Canada
- 1989 - Team Expansion, Inc.
- 1989 - Liebenzell Mission of Canada
- 1990 - Holt International Children's Services
- 1990 - Baptist International Missions
- 1990 - World Servants
- 1991 - Mission to the World, Presbyterian Church of America (Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ecuador)
- 1991 - Christian Reformed World Missions - Christian Reformed World Relief
- 1991 - Trans World Radio
- 1992 - InterVarsity Mission
- 1993 - Walk Thru The Bible Ministries
- 1996 - Servants in Faith & Technology

**Date of Origin Unknown:**

Brethren Assemblies (Plymouth Brethren) of Canada  
 Christian & Missionary Alliance of Canada



**NOTES:**

- (1) Dates listed indicate the earliest recorded ministry or in case of discrepancies, the date most frequently indicated.
- (2) A 1942 dispute with Peru caused a loss of over half of Ecuador's Amazonian territory (Glover and Kane 1960:388).
- (3) The United Andean Indian Mission is a cooperative ministry of the United Brethren, Presbyterian USA, Presbyterian U.S., and Evangelical and Reformed Churches (Kane 1975:461).
- (4) North American Agencies include U.S. and Canadian.

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