

## Ecuador NA History

In our region, in the city of Guayaquil in 1982, Ruy A, Nicolas C and Alberto A formed the group named "Recuperacion" (recovery), which met in an institution. Then a member from Argentina Francisco R with 9 years of clean time and Eduardo H, Eduardo P, Ernesto M and Clark P joined the group and continued to meet in this institution for some time.

Several of these members then formed the group "Sentimiento" (feeling) in the office of the Daniel R a member. It met there for almost a year.

In February 1983 the group "Nuevo Camino" was founded in this city. They met in a classroom of the Miraflores School and then moved to the Urdesa School. It met irregularly for a few years and then it disappeared. Then another group was founded in the city of Quito but there isn't much information about it, not even its name. Around 1987 the first institutional group was founded "Buena Voluntad" (willingness), but it closed in 1994.

On August 3 1989 the group "Esperanza" (hope) was founded and it still meets. The first members of this group remember meeting at first sitting on the floor of an office. At the end of 1990 the group "Libertad" (freedom) was founded in Quito, and this group still meets. The first meeting of this group was a candlelight meeting because there wasn't any electricity available that day. These two groups really initiated Narcotics Anonymous in our region and they were the driving force that helped form other groups that exist in Ecuador today.

Presently there are 70 groups in 34 cities in the region. We have had 6 regional conventions a LaOtin American Convention and a Latin American Zonal Forum.