**Teacher Professional Development Needs Survey**

1. What are the biggest challenges/difficulties that you face in your teaching job on a regular basis? (Feel free to name as many as you want).

COMMON RESPONSES:

* Motivating and engaging students, capturing attention, making students care and see the value of learning English
* Large class sizes
* Getting students to speak and practice English, especially with each other in groups or pairs
* Time is limited for everything!
* The reality of teaching in Ecuadorian public schools
* Lack of teacher support from administration and others
* Lack of teacher confidence in English skills

1. What are some positives or good things about your teaching job? (What do you like about it)?

COMMON RESPONSES:

* The content: English language and speaking English
* Doing activities that make students interested in learning English and involved in the lesson
* Being creative and applying one’s imagination
* Using games and songs to teach English
* Transmitting knowledge and seeing students progress and improve
* Working with and inspiring children/adolescents

1. What sort of training/professional development have you had before? (Name specific topics if possible).

COMMON RESPONSES:

* GO TEACHER training
* TOEFL Prep training
* Peace Corps training (which topics?)
* Communicative language teaching
* Vocabulary building strategies

1. What are some training/professional development topics that you would find useful to your current teaching job?

COMMON RESPONSES:

* Strategies to keep students motivated and engaged, especially when teaching passive skills (reading and listening)
* Topics about what students really enjoy
* How to teach students using authentic material in English that’s available in the real world
* How to get students to enjoy reading in English (when most don’t read much in Spanish!)
* Specific activities for specific topics

1. Why is it important to teach English to today’s children of Ecuador? Why is it REALLY important?