

# The Kooistra Keepsake

# A New Year and new goals at HCJB

As we begin a new year, we are looking forward to many exciting things for the new year.

In radio, we are hosting a concert with Danilo Montero- a popular Christian musician, on April 5. There are also new studios to design. And Family Life Today asked us to do more translations of their radio program into Spanish, with their new hosts.

And for our family, we are excited to have several visitors coming this year. It will be fun to show them Ecuador. And Sara will be acting in her first High School play at the end of March.

#### A Visitor from Cuba



In January, Anton (pictured on the right) from the ministry Apoyo in Cuba came to visit Apoyo and HCJB in Ecuador. He is a media director, and was looking for good radio programs and videos to help the Cuban churches. He can also distribute programs weekly on the country's official website.

Anton was happy to take back a hard drive with many programs on it, and a few pieces of equipment to help with recording. Since Internet access can be limited for Cubans, he is happy to have programs that he can pass on to many others as well.

# Family Life Today

The radio program Family Life Today has new hosts, Dave and Ann Wilson, who replace Dennis and Barbara Rainey. For many years HCJB has translated and produced the program in Spanish (Vida en Familia Hoy). We were very happy to hear that we will be able to continue production as the ministry starts a new chapter. And, they are increasing the number of programs they want us to produce each month! We hear from lots of Spanish speakers around Latin America and the USA who are very blessed by the program, and we are glad to be a part of it.



## Mission Meeting

On March 13 we will be meeting with various other ministry leaders in Quito to brainstorm ideas for promoting cross-cultural missions from Quito. In Oct 2017, we helped host a missions conference where several dozen young people committed their lives to missions. The plan was to repeat that conference this year, but it will not work out. We are praying that God will lead all of us, from our different organizations to work together and come up with another idea to help motivate people to go into missions.



### Christmas with the Kooistras

Jacob and Emma came to visit over Christmas. We had fun being together and we were able to do some traveling and eating out, thanks to a generous gift from a supporter. We all got to choose a favorite restaurant and place to visit.



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