



July 2019

# The Kooistra Keepsake

HCJB Ecuador; Casilla 17-17-691; Quito, Ecuador

## Summer

School is out here in Quito, Ecuador, the sun is shining, and cool breezes are blowing. Summer has begun here, just like it has for those of you who are farther north.

### Venezuelan Refugees

Around 250,000 Venezuelan refugees are living in Ecuador. Many more have come through the country on their way to Peru and Chile. With economic conditions in Venezuela getting worse, the refugees are very needy, even though many of them are well educated and had good jobs at one time.



*Geoff helping at Pan de Vida*

Some Ecuadorians are concerned about the large number of refugees, especially since Ecuador's economy cannot handle such a large influx. Various Christian ministries are working on relief and recovery projects to get the refugees back on their feet.

One ministry, Pan de Vida (Bread of Life), is located close to HCJB, and every other Thursday they run a relief ministry to give food, clothes and other necessities to newly

arrived refugees. They also have a social worker who talks to people and sees who may need more long-term help. About 150 people arrive each time.

Geoff has been helping with this ministry in logistics, food preparation and with the kids' program. Please pray for the refugee situation from Venezuela and in many other parts of the world.

### Danilo Montero

On April 5, HCJB hosted a concert with Christian singer and pastor Danilo Montero. Around 3000 people attended the concert and over 400 asked for a Gospel of John tract that we handed out at the end. Geoff drove Danilo around and made sure that he was where he needed to be. And Tammy oversaw some of the logistics for the backstage area.



*Concert crowd*

## Summer Visitors

In June we had two sets of visitors. Geoff's brother and family came to visit first for a week and later Tammy's sister and family came for a week.

We enjoyed touring around Quito and the surrounding area and just getting to spend time together.

Here are photos of some of our activities.



*Scenic overlooks*



*Tubing down a river*



*Eating guinea pig*



*Fun projects*



*The equator*

Thanks for your interest in our ministry here in Ecuador.

*Geoff & Tammy*

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