



October 2020

The Kooistra Keepsake

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

Home Ministry Assignment

What a crazy year this is! We have cancelled and changed plans, just like all of you and we are now trying to figure out where to go from here. We are currently in Michigan on Home Ministry Assignment until December or January. Geoff is working remotely for HCJB and Sara is going to school at the Potter's House in Wyoming, Michigan. This fall we are meeting with churches in person and are meeting with people as well.

HCJB On-Air and Virtual

For the last six months, at HCJB, we have all become more experienced in working virtually. Geoff continues helping at HCJB over internet, even while here in the USA. All the meetings with colleagues are held virtually, so he can be a part of those.



Geoff at a virtual meeting

Radio is reaching into more homes now with so many people working from home. Recently our attention was drawn to Philippians 1 where Paul is writing from prison. He says that the gospel is going out even more while he is locked up. This time of limited movement, though not prison, is also opening new avenues to reach people with the gospel. The daily listenership and interactions on the web have both gone up, and people are searching for a message of hope.

Virtual conferences are another new venture for HCJB. Our in-person events tended to get over 1000 people attending, and our first two virtual conferences averaged over 30,000 people each. This is something we want to continue to offer into the future, even after going back to conferences in person.

Physical and financial needs continue for many in Ecuador. HCJB has been able to help through food distribution, working with local churches and other local ministries. The need is overwhelming since so many live day to day.



Sara and her friend Lindsey helping pack food for distribution

The Potters House High School

Sara began school for this semester on August 24 at The Potter's House High School in Michigan. It is a challenge to attend a new school, in a new country, and get to know others when social distancing and masks are the norm. We are thankful that the school is in-person.

Sara is playing in the band and is running cross country as well. For band they are trying to figure out a way to put masks over their instruments to be able to play them indoors.



Sara and the Potter's House

University

Jacob and Emma are both back at on campus at their universities. Jacob is in his senior year at Calvin and Emma in her junior year at Michigan Tech. Emma has fewer in-person

classes, than Jacob, but they both are happy to be back with friends. We hope they will be able to stay at school and have more in-person classes, but we are glad to be in the U.S. for them in case they need to leave.



Emma in her dorm room

Visits

We have been able to visit some of you, and it is so enjoyable when we can meet with people and not take undue risk. If you are interested in getting together, we would love to hear from you.

Geoff & Tammy

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