



November 2019

The Kooistra Keepsake

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

Merry Christmas

It is always nice to head into the Christmas season and remember Christ's birth.

Thank you for being part of the ministry here in Ecuador.

Protests in Ecuador

This fall has been very eventful for us starting with the protests in October. When the Ecuadorian president removed the fuel subsidy, many groups protested the move. We had two days of striking by the transportation sector (bus and taxi drivers) followed by a week of protests by other groups. The government is currently in talks to see how they can make up a budget shortfall without unduly affecting the poor in Ecuador. Please pray that a peaceful agreement can be reached.

Meeting Alex Kendrick



Geoff got to meet Alex Kendrick, a Christian movie director, for the second time when he visited HCJB to record a promo for the movie "Overcomer". Geoff got a call on a Saturday morning to open up a studio for the interview

with Alex. He stayed for the interview and also got a photo!

HCJB Updates

What could be more fun than taking down the 100+ foot tall, 60+ year old tower next to the radio studios? There were several tense moments when the top sections were lowered down, but the tower came down safely after one and a half days of work. We took the tower down as it no longer needed to be used.



Tower removal crew

Plans for the new studios are continuing. We now have several of the issues with the property resolved and are hoping to start construction in March of 2020. The plan is to remodel the building that is currently on the property plus add a few additions in order to have enough space. Geoff will be overseeing the installation of the new studios plus the computer and phone systems.

For those of you worried about Geoff's commute to the new building, it will not be affected too much. Instead of crossing the street to get to work, Geoff will have to walk the other way down the street past two buildings. Total commute time should still be about one minute.

Family Matters

Sara is in 9th grade at Alliance Academy. She is learning to play the piccolo this year and was also in the play "Little Women".



Sara and some of the cast from "Little Women"

Jacob is a junior at Calvin this year. He is studying International Relations with a minor in Mandarin Chinese.

Emma is a sophomore at Michigan Tech and is changing her major to Technical Communications so that she can use her writing and art skills as well as math and science.

Wedding Anniversary

We celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary on November 26, 2019. And while that day, we went to work and did our normal activities, we were able to get away to the beach last year. We do not feel much older than when we first got married (at least most days), but we have grown closer together over the years and are so grateful for being able to share our life journey together.



Partners with Resonate Global

Since becoming missionaries 22 years ago with Reach Beyond, we have also been endorsed missionaries with Resonate Global from our sending denomination, the Christian Reformed Church. Over the last few months, we have applied, and now been approved as partner missionaries, meaning now they not only agree with what we are doing but can help by receiving funds and providing services for our ministry. This does not change our job assignments or our status with Reach Beyond.

Geoff & Tammy

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