



December 2016

# The Kooistra Keepsake

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

## Merry Christmas!

It is good to remember Jesus' birth during this holiday season.

### 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

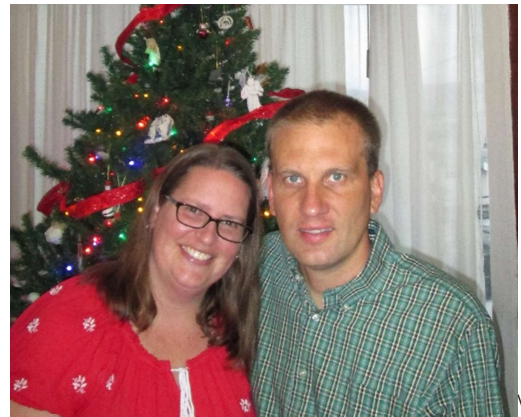
December 25, 2016 marks HCJB's 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We had a special celebration on December 1 with lots of stories and recognition of what God has done through the years. Since its founding, HCJB has used the latest technology available to share the gospel message. It was a great encouragement to hear from those who have gone before us as we are called to move forward in the ministry and to keep pushing the boundaries of technology to reach people for Christ.



*Geoff and co-workers at the 85<sup>th</sup> celebration.*

Part of moving forward is to focus more on the internet. Increasingly, people are listening to programs on our website, [radiohcjb.org](http://radiohcjb.org) and reading articles there. Doing only traditional radio is no longer the best way to reach a large audience, so we are now calling ourselves a media ministry and combining radio with the internet.

Sometimes keeping up with changing technology means that we need to stop doing other things. At the end of 2016 we will discontinue HCJB AM broadcasts. Our resources are limited, the numbers of listeners to AM radio is falling, and the decision was made to focus our efforts on using the internet.



### Kichwa Streaming

One of HCJB's growing internet audiences is Kichwa on our web stream. Kichwa is the main indigenous language of Ecuador and there are over one million people who speak it. Even in remote communities, people have smart phones with internet service to listen to us on the web.

We plan to increase our Kichwa programming via internet for 2017, and we hope to begin partnering with a local Kichwa church to help produce the programs.

## Senior Year

This is Jacob's senior year of high school and it is a bittersweet time for us as parents. We are enjoying this last year with him as we experience lots of things for the last time before he heads to the US for college. One of the fun events was the flag ceremony that is celebrated in every Ecuadorian school. The graduating class marches into the gym in formation and then one by one pledge allegiance to the Ecuadorian flag. Since Jacob is a dual citizen, he chose to place a rose in front of the flag and give his respect.



*Jacob's 12<sup>th</sup> grade class after the flag ceremony*



*Jacob – Sara - Emma*

## Plays

Emma had a fun part in the fall play at school. She was Fairy Mae in the play "The Curious Savage". Sara has a small part in the elementary Christmas play this year. She really loves to act and after watching Emma in several plays she is excited to try it out for herself.

*Geoff & Tammy*



### Response Card for HCJB Ecuador

- I will faithfully pray for your ministry daily/weekly
- I will do my best to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ one-time/monthly/yearly to HCJB Ecuador. (A tax-deductible receipt will be sent. Acct#**371220**)

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