



March 2016

The Kooistra Keepsake

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

Spring and Easter

As we prepare for Easter here in Quito, one of the ways we know the season is approaching is that the restaurants start to serve a soup called fanesca. It tastes a bit like pea soup, but is made up of 12 different kinds of beans or seeds, to represent the 12 apostles.

This year, between Christmas and Easter, HCJB Ecuador is producing a radio drama of the book "A Pilgrim's Progress" in Spanish, modernizing some of the language and making an interesting story in 60 episodes. We are broadcasting the programs here in Ecuador and they are also available for other stations to use around the Spanish speaking world. You can check out the programs at radiohcjb.org/descargashcjb/.



A Bowl of Fanesca, Soup Served in Quito around Easter Time

HCJB Updates

We continue working on separating the radio station in Ecuador to its own organization. This process has stretched into four years and there are still a few hurdles left to clear before the separation is finished. Please continue to pray for this process, it is causing us stress and the radio ministry cannot really take off on its own until the process is complete. We still believe that the radio ministry has a vital role to play in Ecuador and we

will continue to work with the Ecuadorians to reach the unreached in Quito. An example of the impact of the radio is the monthly listener events that focus on family issues. Each time HCJB hosts an event, hundreds of people come and learn about marriage, raising kids or how to be single. Everything is taught from a biblical perspective and since the events are not held at a church many non-Christians attend too!



Geoff and Tammy with co-workers

At the end of 2015, giving to HCJB for our share-a-thon (Mision Compartida) was down and HCJB Ecuador ended 2015 with a deficit of \$127,000. The economy in Ecuador has been suffering because of low oil prices and most people here are worried about losing their jobs which means that spending and donations are down. Given that most of the funds to support HCJB come from Ecuador, we need to make changes in HCJB's operating budget for this year. This means that some of the employees will lose their jobs and some ministry will be cut. Please pray as Geoff and the other leaders focus on streamlining to make things run more efficiently. If you would like to give toward HCJB Ecuador, we have included a special response card on the back of this letter.

Translating, Movies and Sports

Emma spent a weekend with one of her friends from school to help translate for a work team from the USA, helping with a kids' camp. She has also been taking four online classes this semester and two classes in the classroom. She loves the independence of the online classes, where she can learn things at her own speed.



Emma with Friends

Jacob is working on a movie making project with a few of his friends. He convinced Sara and Emma to be involved in the project too. He is making five movie shorts, with intentionally bad special effects, for a project in his American Literature class.

Sara played in a soccer tournament last month and will be playing in a weekend basketball tournament this coming weekend. She enjoys spending time with lots of her friends.



Jacob Filming



Sara Playing Soccer

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)

NAME _____

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Please mail and make checks payable to:

Reach Beyond
PO Box 39800
Colorado Springs, CO 80949-9800

Or go to: <http://bit.ly/MisionCompartida-Give>

Response Card for Geoff & Tammy Kooistra

- I will faithfully pray for you daily/weekly
- I will do my best to contribute \$ _____ one-time/monthly/yearly to your work with Reach Beyond. (A tax-deductible receipt will be sent. Acct#110436)

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