



June 2016

The Kooistra Keepsake

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

7.8 Earthquake in Ecuador

On April 16, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck the coast of Ecuador. We were at the Alliance Academy, waiting for the high school play to begin. Geoff and Jacob were taking tickets and Tammy and Sara were sitting in the auditorium. Emma was backstage with the other actors.



Destruction in the Town of Portoviejo

We definitely knew that it was an earthquake and it lasted for what seemed like a long time, but it was not too violent here in Quito. We evacuated the school while they checked for damage and then we returned to watch the play. It was not until later that evening that the extent of the damage became clear to us.



In the Town of Manta

Over 650 people were killed in the earthquake and there was a lot of damage to buildings and infrastructure. Many aftershocks are being felt

and they hamper rebuilding efforts and cause more fear for the people living on the coast.

Almost one month after the earthquake, there were two strong aftershocks in less than twelve hours. The first was in the early morning and woke us up. The second was just before noon. Tammy was at home and saw our large bookcase rocking back and forth. Sara was watching a video about earthquakes by Bill Nye the science guy, in the video he asked the kids watching to imagine what it would be like if they were in an earthquake right then...



Transportation Troubles

Our two repeater stations on the Ecuadorian coast have been functioning without problems since the earthquake. We thank God that many communities in the affected areas can hear our signal and we have heard that it is a comfort for those who listen.

We also started distributing solar powered radios, pre-tuned to our frequency, to teams going out to these communities. We are developing a special radio series to help people deal with healing emotionally. The programs will feature pastors or counselors speaking on different aspects of the healing process, and there will be programs on helping children recover as well.

End of the School Year

Sara is sad that school will soon end and three of her friends will not be returning next year. She also thinks the summer might be boring. Jacob and Emma are both ready to be done with the school work.



Jacob on Lights for the Play



Emma with Fellow Actor Luke

Frequency Renewal

At the beginning of April we received a date, June 30, for renewing our radio frequencies. This is one of the last steps for the radio station to become independent. The application for the frequency is very comprehensive and will be more than 200 pages by the time all the information is added. Please pray that our application will be approved!

Spring Play

Emma acted again in this year's spring play and Jacob controlled the lighting. This semester's play was actually three separate comedies with princess themes. We enjoyed laughing each time we went. On the last night we experienced the earthquake right before the show, but the students carried on and did a great job.

Geoff & Tammy



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