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The Kooistra Keepsake

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hcjb Receives Award from NRB



The National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) International Media Award is presented to an organization based outside the United States that excels in media ministry – exercising integrity and faithfulness to the cause of Christ, while demonstrating unusual effectiveness – and excels in innovative uses of electronic media in the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ in impacting the target culture.

Geoff and Tammy were chosen to go to The NRB Convention at the end of February and accept the award on behalf of HCJB Ecuador. While there, we also met with several US based ministries who use, or have used, our Spanish production services. We now have three potential new projects!

New Technology

In February, we installed a brand new shortwave transmitter to replace a 40-year-old model, which used vacuum tubes. At the same time, we also replaced our old analog microwave communications with a new internet link.

These changes will allow the engineers to spend less time fixing old equipment and more time focus on our web ministry. Recently, one listener to our web stream, from an unknown country, wrote to us saying:

“I live in a country where you cannot talk about Jesus or meet freely ... HCJB is my great blessing; it helps me to stay connected to spiritual life, remember the beautiful messages, praises, talks, news and advice that give life.”



Geoff with Jimmy

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Geoff, Tempy and Hermann



Modeling Silly Hats for Sale

When it is time to set up a new office, clean out an old storeroom, sell old stuff, redo the landscape or even knock something over, the job falls to Geoff, Tempy or Hermann. Tempy is now retired, but she visited this past winter and was more than happy to help with remodeling, cleaning and selling old stuff. She pulled Hermann, a missionary from Germany, and Geoff into the fun as well.

Leadership Seminar

In April, Geoff will be going to Bali, Indonesia for a missionary leadership seminar called Emergence. This is the first time that Geoff will be in Asia, and while he is not looking forward to the jet lag, he hopes the seminar will be a good way to meet other media missionaries and share ideas for new media projects.

Off to College

Jacob graduates in June and has decided to go to Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI. This summer we will fly to Michigan and in August help Jacob get settled into college life. He has not declared a major yet, but his interests are writing, history, international relations, and communications. Jacob continues writing articles in Spanish for HCJB's controlz.fm website.



Support Needs

This year, we have an increase in our support needs for our ministry. We have calculated that we need another \$800 per month. God has always provided, and we thank those of you who have prayed for us or supported our ministry regularly or through special gifts. If you feel led to give a special gift or increase your regular support to our ministry with Reach Beyond, please see the card below and the instructions for how to donate to our ministry.



Geoff & Tammy



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