



May 2024

The Kooistra Keepsake

HCJB Ecuador

Happy Spring

For 2024 we made a goal of getting to Lake Michigan at least twice every month. So far, we are meeting our goal! We like to watch the waves and walk in the sand. Geoff likes to get his feet wet as well even though the water is still cold.



Geoff and Tammy by Lake Michigan

Tammy is working more hours as a lunch lady this year due to a promotion. Track and field season is in full swing, and she is volunteering as track coach too. This is her fourth year and she enjoys helping the kids improve their race times and gain more confidence.



The track and field team

HCJB

HCJB is fully moved in and adapting to the new building. We are using the new video studio extensively. You can visit <https://hcjb.org/videos/> to see the recordings (they are in Spanish). The ministry is now completely separate from the US organization and is owned and operated by Ecuadorians! This whole separation and building process took 10 years to happen. God continues to guide the process and train people along the way. Ministries do not always successfully make the transition from being US-based to being run locally. We are so thankful that HCJB is thriving!

Boys' Club

The boys' club Geoff is leading at church (called "Cadets") is a challenge as he oversees all the planning and preparation.



Bible lesson at Cadets

We have 2 or 3 boys who don't speak much English, so Geoff is able to speak with them and their parents in Spanish.

Kooistra Family



Emma, Jacob, Tammy, Geoff, and Sara

Jacob, Emma, and Sara are all working full time and we enjoy the times we can have together with all five of us. Emma lives in her own apartment nearby.

Sara is headed to college this coming school year at Great Lakes Maritime Academy, here in Michigan, to get her Marine Engineering degree. It should be a three-year venture since she took some classes at a local community college this year.



Sara in her maritime uniform

Thank you for your prayers, and support as we continue our mission work with HCJB. God continues to lead and help as we work remotely and make our home here.

Geoff & Tammy



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