



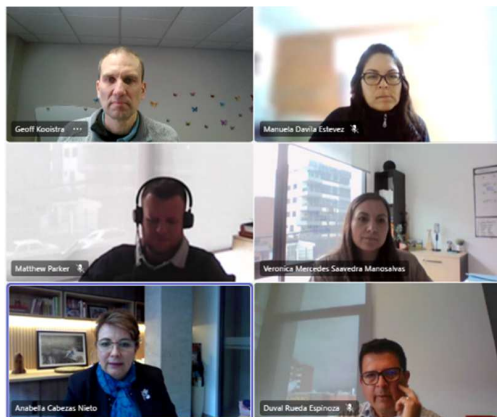
March 2025

The Kooistra Keepsake

Winter

This marks our fifth winter since returning to the United States. While we appreciate the beauty of the snow, we are looking forward to warmer weather and longer daylight hours.

Geoff continues to serve as the engineering manager for HCJB Ecuador, overseeing radio equipment, transmitters, and supervising the three engineers based in Quito. Advances in technology and internet connectivity enable him to actively participate remotely in the daily operations. We are blessed to be able to live in Michigan and work closely with colleagues in Ecuador.



Geoff meeting remotely

New FM Repeater Stations

Recently HCJB took advantage of a new opportunity to apply for three new FM Repeater licenses in Ecuador for Baños, Ibarra, and Lago Agrio. For many years, residents of these cities have requested an HCJB radio station in their city, and now we have an opportunity to fulfill those requests.

Please pray that the government of Ecuador will allocate these radio licenses to HCJB so that these new sites can reach a broader audience. Pray that

many people learn about Jesus, receive Him as their savior, and deepen their relationship with Him.

Digital Missions 2.0

May 2-3, 2025, marks the second Digital Missions Conference, which will take place in Quito, Ecuador at HCJB. Many of the 100 young adults who attended last year are expected to return, and we hope for new participants too.



Session at last year's conference

This year, the focus of the conference is on the reasons for missions. We will also provide further training in producing high-quality recordings and postings for digital media, with ample time allocated for group practice. Geoff is planning to travel to Quito and assist with logistics for the event again this year.

End of Power Cuts

Rain arrived in Ecuador at the end of 2024, so the scheduled power cuts throughout the country are no longer necessary. Ecuador relies heavily on hydroelectric power, so droughts complicate the production of sufficient electricity to meet demand. Since the rain has started back up, HCJB no longer needs to run the backup generator daily or seek diesel fuel, which had been in short supply.

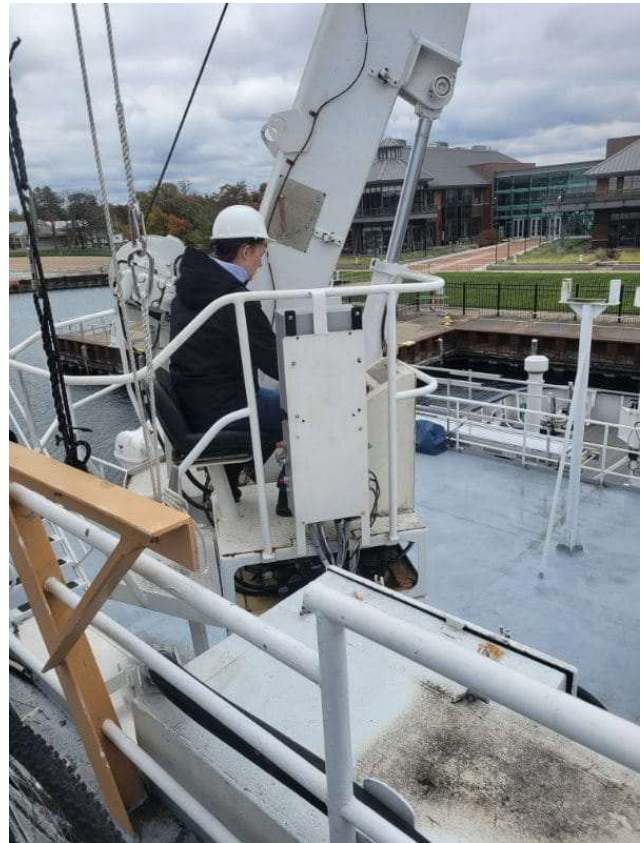
Kooistra Family

Tammy works five days a week in food service at Jenison Junior High, enjoying both the challenges and the collaborative environment at her work. Soon, she will start her fifth season of coaching sprinting and hurdles at Potter's House High School. She appreciates knowing many students from previous years and enjoys being outdoors in the spring. Last year, she led a devotional time before practices, engaging spiritually with students.



Geoff & Tammy

Jacob and Emma continue working at their jobs with J&H Mobil and Dematic. Sara is finishing her first year at Great Lakes Maritime Academy, and this summer will practice her engineering skills on the "State of Michigan" ship as it tours the Great Lakes.



Sara operating a crane on the ship

Ecuadorian Elections

Ecuador will hold a presidential runoff election on April 13 between the top two candidates from the February 9 initial vote, including the incumbent president. All citizens over 18 must vote. Please pray for wise decision-making and divine guidance in electing the new president.

Geoff & Tammy

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