



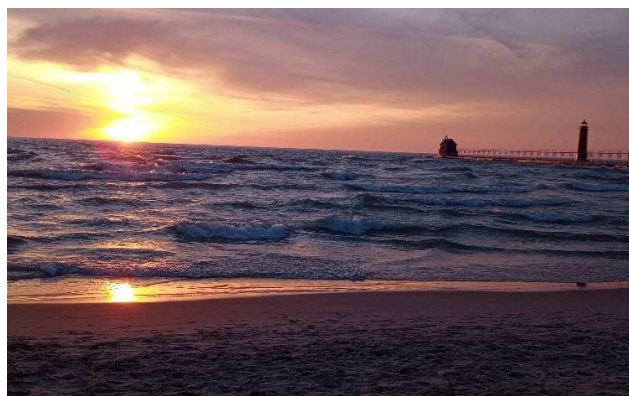
March 2023

The Kooistra Keepsake

HCJB Ecuador

Spring in Michigan

The weather in Michigan makes it feel like spring is around the corner! And while we will probably have more snow and cold days, we are looking forward to warmer weather. It was about this time of year in 2019 when Covid first started making its way into the news. Little did we know then the great changes that God had in store for us at that time. We are still settling in to living in the States again and finding our places to minister. Geoff enjoys working remotely for HCJB and Tammy is trying out new things to find her place. Thank you for your help and support as we continue to adjust.



Recent sunset over Lake Michigan

ReNewal

In mid-February Reach Beyond hosted a two-day, on-line teleconference called “ReNewal”. Reach Beyond missionaries from around the world joined in one of the two options, held 11 hours apart.

Geoff participated in the planning for the conference and helped with the technical running of the Zoom call. The theme of the conference was titled “Immeasurably More”. We learned about seven different types of rest to help destress. Sometimes we think of rest as sleep or being passive, but that is not usually the case.

The type of rest that Geoff found especially helpful is called “creativity rest” which involves resting from the demands of constantly finding solutions. Walking outside is a good way to get creativity rest, and it may be necessary if you have a hard time experiencing awe and wonder.

If you want to hear about some of the other types of rest, let us know.

Tammy’s update

Tammy started working at Jenison Middle School serving lunch. So far, she enjoys the work, and the people she works with are great.

Tammy also helps to coach track and field at the Potters House High School. She is looking forward to the new season coming up in just over a week and reconnecting with the high school athletes. Over the winter she helped with optional afterschool activities of running and weightlifting. She also attended a track conference where the Potter’s House head coach, Kris Koster, received an award.



Tammy with Kris at the award ceremony

Building project in Quito

The building project, started in March of 2022, is now 70% complete. We are hoping to move into the building in August of this year. Now we are at the point of needing final definitions on equipment to buy for the new studios and how to install it. Our new studios will be fully digital.



Current building progress

Geoff is working with the other engineers and producers to define our equipment needs, the layout of the server room and studios, and how to connect everything together. This is a great learning experience for all of us as most of HCJB's current studio equipment was in place when we arrived 25 years ago.

Geoff & Tammy

Sara's graduation

We would love for you to join us for an open house to celebrate Sara's graduation from Potter's House High School. We are celebrating together with Sara's cousin, Anne Kooyer, who is graduating from South Christian High School.

May 21, 2023

2:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Byron Center Christian School,
8840 Byron Center Ave.
Byron Center, Michigan, 49315



Invitation for Sara's open house



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