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# The Kooistra Keepsake

## HCJB Ecuador

### Happy Fall Y'all

Once again, as we prepare for a new season, we enjoy living in a place where the seasons change. After many years where the weather was similar year-round, surprisingly we got a little bored of it after a while. Now the colors have just started to change, and the evenings are a little bit cooler.

### HCJB Conferences and the "Summer Piggy Bank"



*Digital Missions session*

This summer HCJB Ecuador used our new office building and studios to host various conferences. At the end of May, 100 young adults came together for the Digital Missions conference.

The event featured speakers and conference leaders from different ministries in Latin America. They led the group in large group lectures, broke out into workshops, and finished the two-day event with a group project. The participants learned about using high quality video and photography, speaking skills, making a brand, and even using artificial intelligence for ministry on-line. We organized a WhatsApp group to share ideas before, during, and after the conference, and to continue learning from each other.

In June, HCJB held a conference on fundraising to help missionaries and ministries learn to raise funds in their communities, as more and more ministries no longer receive funds from other countries, like the USA. Several dozen Ecuadorian missionaries and ministry leaders took advantage of this time.

And, in August, we were able to have another conference with 30 of the participants in the Digital Missions group, to learn how to speak professionally on the air or on a podcast.

Also in August, because of a budget shortfall, HCJB launched the "Summer Piggy Bank", asking our audience to give a special gift and cover the \$60,000 shortfall in donations. We were able to raise \$52,000 toward that, and hope some more will come in.

If you would like to participate, here is a link:  
<https://bit.ly/NH-DonateToHCJB>



*Breaking the piggy bank on air*

## Missionary Musings

Wow, we have come a long way in 28 years as missionaries. From a young couple, newly married, to now being almost empty nesters, we experienced so many things. This includes writing regular prayer letter updates, like this one, and sharing our work as well as news about us, and our family.

Writing our updates always gives us a good chance to look back and see how God is working, which is encouraging. And it gets harder and harder to write as things do not feel so new and exciting anymore.



Maybe we get repetitive in some of our stories, and we appreciate that you continue to come alongside us and are interested in our mission work. Please keep praying for us, as we really need and appreciate that. Thank you for financial support! If you are interested in supporting our ministry, see the information below, or send us an email for more information.

## Kooistra Family



*Sara in uniform on the dock at school*

Jacob, Emma and Sara are doing well. Jacob and Emma are working in the Grand Rapids area, close by. Sara started classes at Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City, Michigan. She is working and studying toward a degree in marine engineering and a license to work on ships of any size. Her courses are practical as well as theoretical and she will get class time aboard the school's ship, the "State of Michigan" over the summer as it traverses the Great Lakes.

*Geoff & Tammy*



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