



September 2026

# The Kooistra Keepsake

## Happy Fall, Y'all

It is September and fall is coming to the northern hemisphere. The cooler weather can be nice, and the shortening days can be hard. Soon we will be wishing for the return of some of the heat, but for now it is enjoyable.

## Planning and Budgets

In August, Geoff took a trip to Ecuador to help HCJB plan and budget for 2027. Usually, we do several remote planning meetings over 2 months' time, but this year we decided to meet for two long days of in-person meetings to get all the planning and budgeting done at once.



*Geoff at budget meeting*

It worked out well, and we are happy that God continues to provide for HCJB's ministry. There are a few new programs HCJB plans to launch in 2027, and we are especially looking forward to getting the three new FM stations on the air.

## On the Air and on Internet

Increasingly, HCJB is integrating our FM radio listenership with videos and podcasts. In 2026, we

posted more videos on our You Tube channel which you can check out at <https://www.youtube.com/@radiohcjb> if you want. Sometimes the web browser will automatically dub the video to English.



*HCJB on You Tube*

One especially good weekly podcast is: "Conexión con la Palabra" (*Connection with the Word*), where John, Veronica, and Duval discuss a different biblical concept each time, giving historical and cultural background information.

## Open House & Church Visits

During the month of October, we will be visiting many of the churches that support our ministry. Come and see us at an open house on Saturday, **Oct 10 from 2-4 PM at Lee St CRC**, 1261 Lee St SW, Wyoming MI 49509. Join us to hear more about our ministry and try some Ecuadorian treats.

Here is our church visit calendar (Grand Rapids, Michigan area):

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Oct 4 at 10 AM    | Church of the Servant     |
| Oct 11 at 9:30 AM | Zion Ref Church           |
| Oct 11 at 5 PM    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Byron CRC |
| Oct 18 at 9:30 AM | Lee St CRC                |
| Oct 25 at 10 AM   | South Grandville CRC      |
| Nov 1 at 9:30 AM  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Byron CRC |

## Tammy

Tammy is back at school preparing hot lunch and she continues to work two days a week making presentations for funerals too. She enjoys getting to know various coworkers and sometimes gets to use her Spanish in both jobs. She also helps Geoff with HCJB projects.



*Tammy by Lake Michigan*

## Mentoring

As more young people join HCJB, Geoff has been able to do a lot of mentoring. He enjoys getting to know new coworkers on visits to Ecuador and mentors them in person and on video calls when working remotely.

Pray that there will continue to be good opportunities for mentoring.

## Family

This summer we had good times with our kids and with extended family enjoying the outdoors and spending time together.

Sara is doing an internship (or internSHIP) on the SS Badger car ferry that crosses Lake Michigan every day. She enjoys maintaining the engines and systems.

We- Geoff, Tammy, Jacob and Emma, rode along to experience what Sara is doing as part of her training at Great Lakes Maritime Academy. It is probably the only time we will get to be with Sara on a ship she is working on. It was a fun day out on the water and exploring the ship.



*Geoff, Tammy, Jacob, Sara, and Emma  
aboard the SS Badger*

Thank you for being part of our ministry. May God bless you.

*Geoff & Tammy*

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