



March 2015

# The Kooistra Keepsake

HCJB; Casilla 17-17-691; Quito, Ecuador



## A Day in the Life...

We have lived in Quito for 17 years now! When we first arrived we had no children and did not know how long we would be here. Now it is hard to imagine being anywhere else. Our ministry continues to change throughout the years and so does our daily routine.

So, we would like to take you through a typical day of ours. You can see the things that are similar to your day and things that are different.

### 5:15 AM

3 times a week Geoff goes for a morning **run** with his friend Ralph. The air is always cool before sun-up and there is very little traffic on the streets. Just watch out for the stray dogs!

### 6:00 AM

The sun is **rising**. The city buses begin their routes and the streets fill up with traffic and people walking. We get up, take showers and get ready for school and work.



*Sara and her Teacher, Miss Briggs*

### 7:30 AM

We **walk** down to school and work, which are 11 blocks down the hill. Our work day is in Spanish.

For the last few months we have been busy with plans for the new national organization that is just about ready to start operations. It has been a time of a lot of trial and error and uncertainty. Thanks for keeping us in your prayers.



*Geoff, Tammy and Lenin doing studio remodeling*

### 13:00 (1:00 PM)

Ecuadorians use 24 hour time in writing and 13:00 or 1:00 PM is **lunch** time. We often sit outside and eat our lunch under the palm trees. A typical lunch in Ecuador is soup, rice, beans, a vegetable with either beef or chicken.

### 15:30 (3:30PM)

School is out for the day. Tammy and the kids walk **home**, back up those 11 blocks. It is good exercise and fortunately there is never snow!

### 17:00 (5:00 PM)

This is the normal time to head **home** from the office. We eat dinner together as a family. In the evening we continue to work on e-mail and help the kids with homework, do projects, etc. By 7:00 PM it is always dark. The evenings tend to be chilly here in Quito but a sweater or blanket will keep out the chill.

## Family News

Emma and various others participated in a trip to the jungle over a long weekend break from school. Emma had been preparing for the trip for several weeks and really enjoyed helping with the kids at the VBS programs they did.



**Emma and Sara**

Both Jacob and Emma are practicing to participate in the school play, A Midsummer Night's Dream, this coming April. Emma has a part in the play and Jacob will help with the sound and lights.

Sara is learning to play the flute, which she really enjoys. She loves to play and have friends over to our house.

## Support and Ministry Update



**Our latest family picture**

Thank you for giving! In our last letter we asked for special gifts to cover a deficit. We finished 2014 with a good balance in our support fund! We are grateful for everyone who prays for us and supports us on a regular basis or with special one-time gifts.

As we work through the transition to the national organization, HCJB Ecuador, we see how God is leading. Many days we and our colleagues do not know what needs to be done, but we have found people to help with things like an accounting system and legal counsel.

*Geoff & Tammy*



### How can I join Geoff & Tammy in their mission with Reach Beyond?



- ✓ Pray for us.
- ✓ Write to us and encourage us in our work, even once or twice a year.
- ✓ Use the attached response card to send a financial gift if you have the resources.

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### Response Card for Geoff & Tammy Kooistra

- ☐ I will faithfully pray for you daily/weekly
- ☐ I will do my best to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ one-time/monthly/yearly to your work with Reach Beyond. (A tax-deductible receipt will be sent. Acct#110436)

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