



February 2021

The Kooistra Keepsake

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

Snow and Cold

For the first time in many years, we are in Michigan in February. This year it is a cold one in the Grand Rapids, Michigan area. The snow is over a foot deep in most places and driving has been an adventure. We enjoy the snow, probably more than those of you who must deal with it each year.



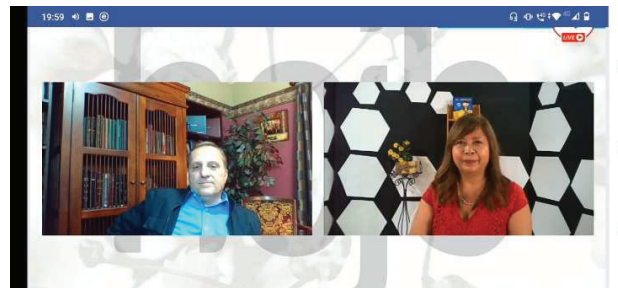
Sledding fun with cousins

HCJB Online Conference

At HCJB we hosted an online conference at the end of January. The theme was “La Mujer que Prospera” (The Woman who Prospers) based on a book by financial expert Andrés Panasiuk from Argentina, and psychologist Melvy De León from Guatemala. HCJB also broadcast the conference live on the radio and took questions from the audience for the speakers to answer.

Online 12,800 people attended the conference, which focused on personal finances and the importance of a family budget. Questions ranged from how to work together as a family to make a budget, to investing in business ventures. One attendee wrote, “I attended a conference with Dr. Panasiuk and in the

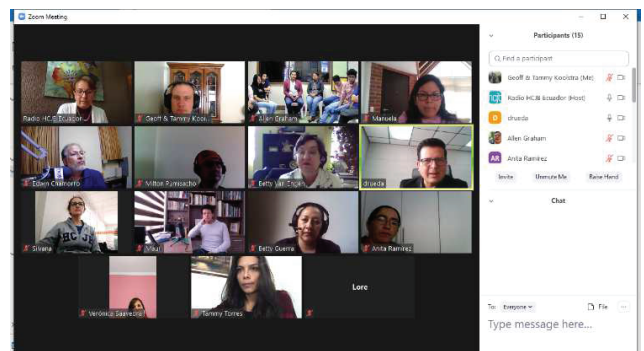
middle of the pandemic I was able to pay off two big loans. Thanks, because I learned how to make a budget.”



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Online Connections

Geoff continues to work remotely with HCJB and has been able to help with year-end budget calculations and reports. HCJB finished the year in the black, despite the pandemic and we are thankful for all the people who gave to the ministry for this to happen.



Geoff in an HCJB Zoom meeting

HCJB's FM Frequency

We are happy to report that after many years, HCJB Ecuador received the official frequency concession for 89.3FM in Quito and its repeaters. This means our radio ministry can continue on the current frequency, and that is a big relief for us. Many of you have prayed for this, and we thank you for the many years of praying.

Ministry Support

Thanks to all of you who have supported Reach Beyond and prayed for us. Our ministry account with Reach Beyond has a positive balance and all our recent expenses have been covered. We appreciate all of you who give regularly or at special times, and we especially appreciate your prayers for our ministry.

Family News

Sara is in her second semester of 10th grade at Potter's House High School, here in Michigan. She had her first snow day ever on February 5 and was excited about that. She has been able to make some friends and likes being able to go to school in person, though she misses her friends in Ecuador.

Emma is studying online this semester and living with us. COVID restrictions had most of her classes online only, and she preferred to stay with us rather than spend all her time in a dorm room.

Jacob is back at Calvin University to finish his senior year. For January term his class was on "The Lord of the Rings" by J.R.R. Tolkien and he enjoyed that. Now he has begun his second semester studies, and most of his classes are in person. He will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in International Relations.



Geoff, Tammy, and Jacob

Geoff & Tammy



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