August 2021 The Kooistra Keepsake

Ecuador

As we enter this new phase of our ministry, we are grateful for your continued support. Geoff is working remotely with the team in Ecuador. Thanks to your help, he can continue overseeing the engineering and finances of HCJB.

Despite pandemic restrictions, HCJB continues to minister over radio and internet. It has been a vital resource in a time of loss and grief.

One woman, whose husband had died of COVID after several days in ICU, told us that that he listened to HCJB every day, and had been encouraged to get closer to God in his last days. It is stories like this that continue to remind us of the importance of ministry, especially right now.

In June, we traveled back to Quito to pack up our belongings. It was bittersweet, having to say goodbye to friends and co-workers, yet still knowing that we can continue to build relationships and serve the people of Ecuador. We have many fond memories of the time we spent there and the friends we made, and we plan to visit again soon.

Thank you to all who have prayed and supported us in so many ways as we make this transition! It has been an emotional time for all of us, and we feel cared for and uplifted.



Radio co-workers performing a traditional Ecuadorian dance



Co-workers praying for us as we get ready to return to the States



Packing up for our move to the USA



Our friends and Bible Study group

90th Anniversary of HCJB

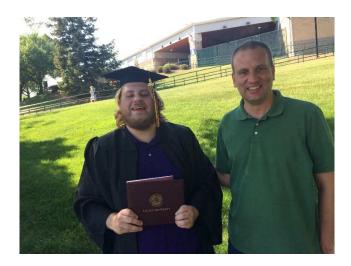
On the last weekend of July, HCJB and Reach Beyond celebrated 90 years of ministry with a get together in Elkhart, Indiana, at the technology center. It was fun to see lots of people who are currently serving or who served before with HCJB and Reach Beyond.



Geoff with Anabella, Manuela, Matt, Veronica and Duval - HCJB leaders in Quito

Jacob Graduation

In May Jacob graduated from Calvin University with a degree in International Relations. We are proud of Jacob and excited to see where God leads him next.



Prayer Requests

Praise- we have a place live! A condo in Jenison, Michigan.

Praise- HCJB continues to increase its internet presence, especially during lockdowns.

Pray for Emma- starting her senior year at Michigan Tech

Pray for Sara- starting her junior year at Potters House High School

Pray for our Ecuadorian friends and their daughter Samantha who has major health issues (Contact us for details if you would like to donate to help with her medical expenses.)

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