



November 2021

# The Kooistra Keepsake

HCJB Ecuador

## Happy Thanksgiving

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we think of all the reasons we have for giving thanks to God. Writing a gratitude journal sometimes is an encouraging reminder. Our gratitude journal here includes:

- Our many friends from Ecuador
- being close to family
- continuing the work with HCJB
- ministry opportunities
- hard things that force us to rely more on God.

May God continue to help us to always give thanks. Thank you for being part of our team with encouragement and prayer.



*Previous Thanksgiving in Ecuador*

## Upcoming visit to Ecuador

Geoff is in Ecuador, since Nov 28 and staying through Dec 14. He will participate in the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and with the share-a-thons in Quito and Guayaquil.

Geoff is anticipating fun times with lots of coworkers that we really miss seeing (Zoom is not quite the same). It will be nice for him to get out and do more hands-on work, setting up for the events and participating.

## Merry Christmas



*A Christmas past*

This time of year, we look forward with hope to celebrating the joy of God's coming to earth in Jesus. HCJB will have lots of special Christmas programming on the radio and on the website this year. Many people look for help during the holiday times as pain and loss are more deeply felt too. We at HCJB can connect with them and share the love of God and the story of His grace for us.

Pray for the many Christmas radio programs and other ministries planned for this year.

## Our family



*Fun family picture*

We are very proud of each of our kids as they continue to grow and adjust to changes. Jacob has a job and is gaining experience while looking for something more in his field. Emma is in her Senior year at Michigan Tech studying Scientific and Technical Communication. She is working at school and hoping to find a job when she graduates.

Sara is in 11<sup>th</sup> grade at The Potter's House High School and really improved her running times during the cross-country season. She was an important part of the team's making it to the State finals competition. She is looking forward to track season in the spring.



*Sara the runner*

Thanks for continuing to be part of our missionary journey through prayer and support. We are adjusting to life in the USA and continue mission work from here. At the holiday times, especially, we remember the traditions we had back in Ecuador and our friends.

*Geoff & Tammy*

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