



Canadian Baptist Ministries
Bill and Janice Dyck

Who? Bill and Janice Dyck

When? The Dycks first worked with Canadian Baptist Ministries from 1999 to 2013. They served as global field staff in Indonesia for 11 years, training and mentoring pastors, students, and church leaders. Then, in 2010, Bill took on the role of CBM's manager of Western Canada, engaging with churches to promote and support global discipleship initiatives.

Where? The Dycks arrived in Bolivia in June 2017.

What? With their experience in a wide range of ministry contexts, the Dycks will be an excellent resource to the Bolivian Baptist Union (UBB). They are presently adjusting to life in Bolivia while spending approximately three hours on weekdays in language classes. They are focusing on getting to know key people and building relationship with nationals, other missionaries, and short-term mission teams from Canada.

The Dycks share, "It's exciting to see God's hand in this new beginning. We look forward to how God's plans will continue to unfold (Philippians 1:6). We're very thankful that you are on this journey with us. Thank you, once again, for your 'partnership in the gospel' (Philippians 1:3-5). We're here. We're learning the language. We're settling in. But this is all only a beginning. Now we'll look forward to what God will do (Jeremiah 29:11)."

Although it is early in their time in Bolivia, the Dycks have already been busy. Janice had the opportunity to accompany Cheryl Bear, Canadian Baptist Ministries' She Matters 4 Canada representative, on Cheryl's tour of Bolivia, and, in September, Bill led some sessions on reformed theology at a three-day doctrinal consultation for pastors and church leaders. Bill says, "Trying to solve the problem of how God can be sovereign and yet how humans are responsible at the same time is very humbling, especially with my limited understand-

ing of the context or the language.... The only reason I can see for doing this is Christ's example for entering into our messy world. We may not have all the answers but we get into people's messes, and, by God's grace, help to make it better."

Why? Bill participated in a two-month, short-term mission trip to Mexico in 1982, and has since believed that God may have a return trip to serve in Latin America somewhere in the plans for his life. Bill and Janice had been sensing a growing call to return overseas to continue working in their area of passion—leadership formation with pastors and lay leaders. CBM believes the timing was God-ordained for this assignment, as the Bolivian Baptist Union continued to voice its desire to equip and mentor their leaders, especially in the area of integral mission, which is sharing God's love through word and deed.

▣ Prayer Requests ▣

- ▣ The Dycks request prayer for the process of learning a new language. Pray that God would help them to balance their need to become fluent in Spanish with the need to begin speaking in various ministry contexts.
- ▣ Please remember to pray for Bill's health as he continues to recover from a heart condition. Pray that God would give him renewed strength, energy, and healing.
- ▣ Pray that the Dycks will be able to build lasting relationships in Bolivia.
- ▣ Pray for the Dycks' family in Canada: an adult son, daughter, and son-in-law.



Bill and Janice Dyck pose in front of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Cochabamba, Bolivia.

Follow the Dycks on their blog:
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