



Who? Bruno and Katheen Soucy have three grown children, Caroline, Laura, and Ben, and six grandchildren.

When? The Soucys joined Canadian Baptist Ministries as global field staff in June 2006. In August of the same year, they left Moncton, New Brunswick, for Kigali, Rwanda, to serve CBM's church partner, the Association of Baptist Churches in Rwanda.

Where? In 2013, they departed Rwanda for language study in Costa Rica as they prepared to take on the role of CBM's Latin America team leaders. Following home assignment in 2014, they moved to Cochabamba, Bolivia, to work with CBM's field staff and church partners in Bolivia, Brazil, El Salvador, Cuba, and Nicaragua. They also support CBM's work and relationships in Argentina and Costa Rica.

What? In April, Kathleen was blessed to participate in a course called, "Trauma Healing," in La Paz, put on by The Trauma Healing Institute of the American Bible Society. More than one in seven people worldwide suffer severe wounds of the heart and spirit in the aftermath of conflict, disaster, or abuse. The trauma healing material is being contextualized for use in Bolivia so that families and their caregivers can benefit. Kathleen and a friend have begun a trauma healing group in Bolivia.

Bruno and Kathleen spent February and March of 2017 in Cuba with CBM's partner, *Fraternidad de Iglesias Bautista de Cuba* (FIBAC). Their June newsletter reports, "FIBAC President Maykel Baez connected us to key church leaders and Christians working through Cuba's unique culture and politics to bring hope to those who sometimes have little hope. It is troubling that many Cubans, both inside and outside of the church, can only envision a hopeful future for their children by living outside Cuba. The challenge and opportunities are great for the church to be a witness of God's love, having impact on individual lives as well as communities."

The Soucys continue: "A rich time was had in 2017 with Praxis students from Canada. The Praxis scholarship is offered each year for Baptist seminary students to engage in missiological reflection on a significant issue related to the gospel of Jesus Christ and culture in a global context. For us in Bolivia, it was an opportunity to engage Bolivian leaders and students as well as CBM staff with the themes of creation care, poverty, and how the church can offer vision and engagement."

In 2017, the Soucys already hosted or will welcome short-term mission teams from New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, and Alberta.

These cross-cultural learning experiences provide churches with a unique opportunity to experience life and faith outside of their own context, and the Soucys find it satisfying to be a part of what God is doing in the lives of individuals as they reflect on the impact of their time in Bolivia.



In June 2017, the Soucys and other CBM staff in Bolivia welcomed new global field staff, Bill and Janice Dyck (with balloon and flowers).

Why? As a family, the Soucys had the opportunity to travel to El Salvador in 2004 to see firsthand the work that CBM was doing in Latin America. They were impacted by meeting church partners who were sharing the gospel in their context with the support of Canadian churches. They are passionate about working with local churches in Canada, helping to develop missional efforts and church engagement, locally and globally, through meaningful short-term mission experiences and partnership possibilities in Latin America.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for new CBM colleagues, Bill and Janice Dyck.
- Pray for Christian leaders in FIBAC to be encouraged by CBM's partnership, to have wisdom as they work with pastors and churches in Cuba, and to continue to provide valuable insights to their Canadian partners.
- Pray that the Soucys will be well prepared as they represent CBM staff and partners in Bolivia, Cuba, and El Salvador during strategic meetings for team leaders, to be held in Canada in early October.
- Pray for the wellbeing of the Soucys' parents and their family, in general.

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