

## Spotlight on CBM



**Bill and Janice Dyck**  
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Based out of Calgary, Alberta, Bill and Janice Dyck, Canadian Baptist Ministries global field staff, focus their ministry in Latin America with plans for further involvement in Central America and the Caribbean. In August and October of this year, they plan to travel to Guatemala, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, and Cuba. Bill serves as discipleship and theological education specialist for Latin America, reaching out to national pastors, that in everything they are enriched in Christ, in all speech and all knowledge, even as the testimony concerning Christ is confirmed in them (paraphrased from 1 Corinthians 1:5–6).



Bill and Janice recognize that while working from Canada, they are very reliant on the CBM workers and partners in Latin America. Byron Velásquez, CBM national field staff in Guatemala, is finding pastors within his network of connections and organizing groups of pastors to participate in CBM's Discipleship and Pastoring of Pastors (DPP) programs. Bill Dyck states that "his efforts with the first generation of pastors are now being multiplied by forming a second and even third generation of DPP groups." The words of 2 Timothy 2:2b (NAS), "entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also," is evident in the progress of this ministry.

Recently in Bolivia, where this program began, pastors Alberto Coarite and Lourdes Salazar, who are partners with the Bolivian Baptist Union, conducted a two-day training event for 30 pastors and church leaders who plan to form new groups.

In Cuba and the Dominican Republic, CBM Latin American Team Leaders Bruno and Kathleen Soucy have made the initial contact to introduce the

Discipleship and Pastoring of Pastors groups. Pray for these pastors, their families, and the churches as they take leadership to plan and host visits for the Dycks. Through God's provision and presence, the DPP groups can support the spiritual, emotional, and professional needs of these pastors. The severe economic crisis and inadequate health care are other urgent needs for pastoral families in Cuba. The Dycks trust God for strength and safety in planning and preparation for multiple meetings and the follow-up and results of these contacts.

Weekly, Bill meets online with groups via Zoom in Bolivia and El Salvador and he conducts bi-weekly meetings with leaders in Guatemala. The Dycks stay informed of the daily

concerns of those living in these countries. In January, Bolivia faced political protests that restricted travel and the movement of goods, in effect isolating the region of Santa Cruz from the rest of the country. El Salvador strives to control gang activity, and the people of

Guatemala are seeking a fair process in the upcoming election on June 25.



Janice continues to support the ministry of Emanuel Foundation to children in the red-light district of Cochabamba, Bolivia. She keeps up with teaching piano virtually and has an ongoing relationship of encouragement to her students. Janice specifically asks for prayer for Goretty who leads the outreach. Having witnessed the positive results in the lives of the children who have gone through the program, there is a desire for the sustainability and expansion of Emanuel Foundation. Remember to pray for CBM's similar ministries to at-risk children in Bolivia, namely Casa de la Amistad and Jireh.

Sources: Dycks CBM ministry update December 2022; CBM Prayerline, BBC News, and personal email.

