

## American Baptist Churches USA

**Burma Advocacy Group**22 Story Court, Freehold, NJ 07728-5322



## Who We Are

The Burma Advocacy Group was formed by the American Baptist Churches to unite the voices of the Burma Diaspora Community in the United States for advocacy concerning humanitarian aid and other concerns. American Baptists have a relationship with Burma/Myanmar that reaches back more than 200 years, and the largest Christian body within Burma/Myanmar, the Myanmar Baptist Convention, is our partner denomination within the country. The Baptist Churches in Myanmar count over one million baptized adult members and are especially represented among the Karen, Kachin and Chin ethnic groups as well as many others.

This coalition represents the voices of the Burma diaspora community within the United States. They are constantly in contact with family and friends and religious leadership within Burma and other diaspora groups internationally to keep their fingers on the pulse of daily life within the country and the situation of IDPs and those who have fled to neighboring countries.

In addition, members have been active in humanitarian relief efforts within country and in Thailand, Malaysia, and NE India where many have fled. The Chin Baptist Convention has organized relief efforts within Mizoram State in India, and the Kawthoolei Karen Baptist Convention in Thailand has long been active in the Thai-Burma border camps in working with NGO's to ascertain needs and deliver humanitarian aid throughout those camps. In Malaysia COBEM (Coalition of Burma Ethnics Malaysia) have been the interface with the Malaysian government, UNHCR, and NGO's in addressing the situation of refugees from Burma.

Our network of congregations and CBO's are present in some of the most difficult to reach areas in Burma. We believe that this network and those cited within India, Thailand, and Malaysia are an excellent resource for assessing needs and delivering humanitarian aid. Our humanitarian efforts are non-sectarian, serving any and all in need.

Sincerely,

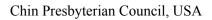
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## The Burma Advocacy Group

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