



# The Rocky Mountain American Baptist

A Newsletter of the American Baptist Churches in the Rocky Mountain Region

## Four Ways to Assist Karen Refugees

The Karen Refugee Task Force is announcing four ways you, your Sunday School class, small group, or family can get involved with the resettlement of Karen Refugees to the Denver Area.

### 1. Meet Local Karen and Partners In the Resettlement Effort

American Baptists have been invited to attend a potluck picnic on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3:00 pm at Verbena Park at 11<sup>th</sup> St. and Verbena. The picnic is sponsored by the Colorado Burma Roundtable Network (CBRTN) and is simply a time for those involved or who wish to get involved in the effort to come together and be with one another for food, fun and games. Attendees are asked to bring food and drinks to share, lawn chairs or blankets. If your name ends with A-L please bring a main dish and a salad, M-Z please bring a main dish and a dessert.

### 2. Be Trained to Sponsor a Family

On Saturday, September 6, a training session will be held in partnership with CBRTN and the Ecumenical Refugee Immigration Services for church, small groups, Sunday School classes and families who may wish to sponsor a Burmese family that is resettling in the Denver area. The training will be held at Crossroads American Baptist Church's South Campus. The intention of the class is to get groups and individuals prepared to sponsor refugee families. It is our hope that American Baptists can sponsor 30 families! To learn more about what will be required to sponsor a family, visit our websight and look for the



downloadable booklet posted there.

### 3. Prepare and Bring Welcome Baskets or LAYETTES to the Annual Gathering

In conjunction with the Annual Gathering that will be held October 17 and 18 in Cheyenne, we are asking churches

to bring Welcome Baskets and LAYETTES to give to the local Karen congregation to present to new arrivals. What should the kit include:

*Welcome Baskets:* A vacuum cleaner, good kitchen knife, can opener, alarm clock, calendar, hand lotion, lip balm or Vaseline, a copy of an English Karen picture dictionary, \$40 for 50 pounds of Jasmine rice, two blankets, stocking caps and warm scarves.

*LAYETTES:* LAYETTES should include a dozen cloth diapers, one 4 oz and 8 oz bottle, 4 undershirts, 4 one piece outfits or gowns, 4 daytime outfits, a heavy blanket, 4 receiving blankets, 3 bibs and a package of Diaper wipes.

### 4. Pray for the Karen Church

Keep the Karen Church in your prayers as it seeks to minister to the families that have resettled in the Denver area. One of the key needs they have is a building that can be used throughout the week for ESL classes and other ministries as well as for worship on Sundays.

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