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- Jim Kelsey



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REGION & AROUND THE WORLD

When I teach courses to leaders of our ABC/NYS Burmese Diaspora congregations, I stress that as part of the Region they are members of a larger Baptist family. They are linked to this broader family through the Association, the Region, ABC/USA, and the Baptist World Alliance. The Region is a bridge to ministry far beyond our State. Our five previous mission trips to Nicaragua and our January 2018 trip to Rwanda, the first of three trips, and the coordinating of missionary deputation visits are just three of the ways we extend the ministry to reach New York State Baptists and provide ways for congregations to be involved in missions.

My wife and I were ABC/USA missionaries for 10 years and were able to serve because of supporting churches back home. Without these churches, missionaries would not remain on the field. American Baptists are a missionary people, but we are also a people who realize that mission in faraway places depends upon the generosity of local congregations. Region ministry keeps those churches strong and healthy.