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## The Blumenstocks

THEIR STORY

Jim and Karen Blumenstock are from Cedarville, OH and were married in 1996. They have an adopted Taiwanese daughter, Ella, who was born in 2004. Soon after graduating seminary, Jim began serving as a pastor of youth and missions at his church. It was at this time that he had a conversation with the Vice President of Cornerstone University and became interested in Asia Biblical Theological Seminary (ABTS).

**ABTS was started by a missionary to Thailand in 1983 because the local Christian leaders there were asking for Bible training.** ABTS offers accredited, graduate level education through Cornerstone University for church leaders throughout Asia. Students of ABTS take two weeks of intensive classes at the seminary and then go home and complete their homework over the next three months. This makes theological degrees accessible to Asian church leaders because they don't have to move overseas.

In July of 2001, Jim and Karen were accepted by their sending agency, ABWE, to work with ABTS to provide graduate level education for church leaders throughout Asia. In March of 2011, Jim was installed as the new Dean of ABTS. Jim continues to teach while also overseeing all operational and administrative functions at the school. **In addition to the classes held at the seminary, Jim travels to Myanmar, Cambodia, Singapore, the Philippines, Hong Kong and India teaching a variety of courses in two-week modules.** The students include local pastors, Bible teachers, missionaries and lay leaders. Karen ministers in various ways, including as a fitness instructor. Ella has been attending college in the US since the Fall of 2022.

**The Bible Chapel has partnered with the Blumenstocks since 2014.**

## January 2025

PRAISE

- Our family had a wonderful Christmas season, even though we missed having Ella with us. We also cherished the opportunity to relax—a much-needed pause after an incredibly busy few months in our lives.

PRAYER

- Jim's dad will be visiting us in Chiang Mai this January and February. Please pray for safe and smooth travels for him. Also, keep Ella in your prayers as she returns to Cornerstone to begin her spring semester. She is doing well and is on track to complete her degree program this December.
- Please pray for the expansion opportunities ABTS will be pursuing this year. We are preparing to launch a new Master of Arts in Counseling degree as well as our first fully online MA program. Our goal is to have these programs up and running by mid-year.