



MEET

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.

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PRAISE

- Jim's trip to Nepal last month was a great success. During their first few days in Kathmandu, they faced incessant rain that caused severe flooding, resulting in the loss of hundreds of lives across the country. Despite these challenges, they were able to proceed with their planned events, including two promotional seminars that attracted over 50 attendees interested in pursuing a theological master's degree. Given this positive turnout, they are hopeful about launching one or two cohorts there in the coming year. Please pray for the team on the ground and for ABTS as they plan and recruit for this potential new site.
- As they celebrate Thanksgiving this month, they are reminded that their worth is not found in their busyness or what they do for God, but in His goodness and what He has done for them. Thank you, Lord, for Your grace in rescuing all of us and welcoming us into Your family. May we find rest in who You are and what You have accomplished for us this season.

PRAYER

- November and December are always busy months for the Blumenstocks. In addition to the usual holiday activities, they have a new quarter of classes, year-end fundraising, staff reviews, and planning for the year ahead. They would greatly appreciate our prayers during this time.
- Chiang Mai experienced severe flooding last month, the worst in over 50 years. Half of the city was underwater, including the office building of their church. Clean up has been ongoing for the last 3 weeks, and things seem to be getting back to normal, but the extent of the destruction is staggering. Pray for those who were affected, especially as they cope with severe losses.
- Jim just finished teaching in Delhi November 15-17. This was the final class for this cohort. Pray for the students who took the class that they will be able to implement the things they learned at ABTS into their lives and ministries.