



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

- Ella wraps up her summer internship this week. It's been a meaningful and productive season, and she's now preparing to head back to Michigan for the start of her classes in a few weeks. We're also grateful for a successful trip to Central Asia and a strong finish to Jim's class last quarter.

PRAYER

Please pray for our new applicants to the online MA program. This quarter, 17 students are enrolled in the introductory course, with full classes beginning in October. Most of these students are from India and unable to travel to our seminar location in Delhi. As our first fully online program, this MA provides accessible theological education to those who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend seminary.

Please pray for Jim's upcoming trip to Iloilo, Philippines, where he'll be teaching the in-person portion of the Christian Worldview course. The class is already underway online, and the students are off to a strong start. Jim will be in the Philippines from August 22 to September 1. In addition to teaching, he'll also visit a nearby city to promote ABTS and help develop a new cohort.