



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

- Praise the Lord for Jim and Karen's trip to the Philippines at the end of September where Jim spoke at a missions conference at a church in Davao City. Pray that God's Word that was shared will produce fruit in the lives of those who heard it.

PRAYER

ABTS is working on developing new cohorts in the Philippines. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance on this.

Pray for the 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 the seminar location in Delhi. As the first fully online program, this MA provides accessible theological education to those who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend seminary.

Karen is also continuing faithfully in her Hard to Hope fitness ministry. Her four clients remain highly engaged, and they've seen significant improvement in their overall well-being. Please pray for this ministry and Karen's leadership in it.

Ella is in her final semester at Cornerstone University. Please pray for her to finish strong and for new opportunities to open up as she looks ahead to future work.

Please continue to pray for Ritu to continue to heal emotionally, spiritually and physically from the abuse she has suffered from her husband, to receive excellent counseling and find a supportive community that cares deeply for her well being.