



## 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.**

## September 2025

## PRAISE

- Earlier this month, Jim taught a Christian Worldview class in Iloilo, Philippines with 20 students, most of them young pastors. Among the group were two “older” students who had also been in Jim’s very first class back in 2001. After a long break in their studies, they have returned to complete their degrees. A remarkable testimony to their dedication 24 years later.
- Jim’s class in the Philippines went very well. He was encouraged by the students’ engagement and their eagerness to apply what they learned in their ministry settings. In addition to teaching, Jim also had the opportunity to discuss potential new cohorts in the Philippines. They’re grateful for the new opportunities ahead and for the students who will be joining their programs in the coming months and years.
- In the midst of the busyness, Jim and Karen are grateful for God’s sustaining grace and for our faithful prayers and support that make this work possible.
- Jim and Karen are praising God that the full support of \$12,000 for Ritu was reached.

## PRAYER

5-This is a particularly full season for Jim and Karen with travel, classes, and new ministry opportunities on the horizon. Pray for them as they travel to the Philippines again at the end of September. Jim will be speaking at a missions conference at a church in Davao City. Please pray as he prepares and for the effectiveness of his ministry there. During this trip, they’ll also be working on cohort development, so they would appreciate our prayers for those efforts as well.

6-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.

7-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.

8-Ella has just begun 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.

9-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.