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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.

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PRAISE

- We're so thankful to have Ella here with us in Thailand until we return to the U.S. for her graduation in May. Please pray for her as she discerns her next steps.

PRAYER

- Pray for Jim's class that he started teaching last month. It is for ABTS's cohort in the UAE. The classes are online now and he will travel there February 21-March 6 for the face-to-face classes. There are eight students in the class representing seven different nations.
- Jim's dad is with us right now and will be joining us on these trips, which makes the season even more special. Pray for travel safety, health and stamina for everyone, especially Jim's dad.
- In December, Jim and two faculty members, Greg and Jonathan, traveled to a refugee camp in western Thailand to lead a one-day seminar on servant leadership. This is the same camp where ABTS has held classes in the past and where several of our graduates are now serving. We are hopeful to restart classes at this location in the near future, so please pray for the recruitment process. Please also pray for the camp community, which has grown significantly due to the ongoing conflict in Myanmar.
- We recently received a grant to further develop our online education programs. This project will create a template course for faculty, clarify and align our vision and goals for online education, and help ensure that all of our online courses are of the highest quality. Please pray for us as we begin this project this month and continue working on it over the next year.