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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

- Praise God for His faithfulness to us and to ABTS. 2025 was an incredibly full and fruitful year—launching two new degree programs, establishing three new cohort locations, forming a new partnership with a school in Chennai, and making ministry trips to Myanmar, Vietnam, Albania, Central Asia, the Philippines (twice), and India. God has been so good, and we look forward to the ways He will continue to guide, challenge, and stretch us in the coming year.
- We praise God that we recently received a sizable grant to help us with our online course development.

PRAYER

Pray for Jim's new class that he started teaching last week. It is for ABTS's cohort in the UAE. The classes are online now and he goes to the UAE in late February for the face-to-face.

Ella and Jim's dad are with Jim and Karen now and they are all enjoying great family time. Pray for blessed fellowship together.

Ella finished at Cornerstone University in December and will graduate in May. Pray as they return to the U.S. in April for a short home assignment and Ella's graduation. She is still discerning her next steps, so pray for wisdom, clarity, and the right opportunities to open up.

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.