



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

- We're grateful for how smoothly our recent travels have gone. In the last week of February, Jim spoke on the topic of prayer at a conference in Vietnam, where we had a wonderful time connecting with global workers. The conference in Albania was also well worth attending, as Jim made key contacts that will help further the ministry of ABTS.

PRAYER

-Please pray for our travels and church visits during our home assignment. Last weekend, we visited one of our supporting churches in Pittsburgh, and we'll be visiting two more while we're here. Also, please pray for our time with Ella—it's such a joy to see her again! We're grateful to God that she's doing well as she finishes her third year of university.

-One of our main goals during this home assignment is to switch to a more flexible and affordable Thai visa. Jim applied for it nearly two weeks ago, and we're now waiting for the results. If the change doesn't go through, we'll need to return to Chiang Mai earlier than expected to renew our current visa before it expires on April 28.