



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

- Jim praises God for the recent opportunity to speak to a youth and young professionals meeting in the Philippines. The theme was "Joining God's Work for God's Glory." It was a joy to get to know Davao Evangelical Church and to play a small part in strengthening their passion and outreach for God's mission. Pray for this church's continued global ministry to expand and be fruitful.
- It's been a full couple of months—with two trips to the Philippines, wrapping up one class there, starting another one in Delhi, and launching two new degree programs! The Blumenstocks are definitely feeling a bit tired, but mostly they're grateful. God is doing amazing things at the seminary, and it's exciting to see how their influence continues to grow across Asia. Jim and Karen are thankful for people standing with them and praying for them through it all.

PRAYER

Please pray for Jim's upcoming class in Delhi. He has 16 students and will be traveling there on November 18 for the in-person session. Pray for the students as they engage deeply with the material, and for Jim as he teaches and guides their discussions. Karen will also be joining this trip, not only for the class, but also for an ABTS graduation. Please pray for safe travels and a meaningful time of ministry together.

Pray for Ella as she is in her final semester at Cornerstone University, finishing up classes and preparing for graduation in May. Please pray for her as she completes her assignments, ties up final requirements, and says goodbye to friends. She'll be coming to Thailand in December and will stay with us for a few months before returning to the U.S. for her graduation.

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..