



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 and Karen were married on July 27, 1996 and are thankful to God for 30 wonderful years of marriage. They are so grateful for God's faithfulness throughout these three decades and for the incredible gift of one another. They look forward to seeing what He has in store for the years ahead.
- They also praise Him for the recent gifts that have made it possible for Karen to begin setting up a basic home gym. They now have the essential equipment to get started and are grateful to everyone who contributed. They will need additional funding to complete the setup, but are excited to take this next step in the ministry.

PRAYER

- -Pray for Jim as he teaches his Christian Worldview course. After five weeks online, the class will meet in person August 24-28. He has 15 students representing eight nationalities.
- -Pray for Karen as she resumed her Hard to Hope ministry earlier this month. She now has three regular clients. Pray that these relationships will continue to grow and Karen will be able to point each of them to Christ.
- -Continue to pray for Ella as she searches for a job. She has one part-time opportunity and is considering moving to Grand Rapids to live with a friend from university. Please pray that God provides a full-time job, affordable housing, and clear direction for her next steps.