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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

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- It's been another busy month for us. Jim is finishing one class, starting another, and partnering with an instructional design team to redesign one of his online courses.
- Karen has been leading a fitness ministry called Hard to Hope for nearly two years. Last week, however, she learned that the gym she has been using is no longer available, effective immediately. This was a significant setback, as the free use of the facility has been essential to the ministry's ongoing operation.
- Karen is now exploring the possibility of setting up a small gym in our home if she is able to acquire the necessary equipment. Please pray for wisdom as she considers the best path forward, for the four women currently participating in the program, and that God would continue to use Hard to Hope to bring hope, healing, and encouragement despite these unexpected challenges.
- We're thankful that Jim's online course. The students work on faith-work integration is going well. The students are now completing their final projects, which they will present next week. Please also pray as Jim prepares for his next class, which begins July 20 in Chiang Mai.
- Please continue to pray for Ella as she searches for a job in the U.S. She has submitted more than 50 applications, but no opportunities have materialized yet. Pray that God will give her patience, wisdom, and encouragement as she discerns her next steps and where He would have her establish herself in the months ahead.