THE BIBLE CHAPEL
OUTREACH MINISTRY

THAILAND



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

- Praise the Lord for Jim and Karen's great visit at The Bible Chapel. They were here for 2 weeks and spoke to all our campuses and many different groups. Then they flew to Italy for a week's vacation with Karen's parents. Pray for them as they get back into life and ministry in Thailand.

PRAYER

• Pray for Jim as he leads ABTS that God will give him wisdom and help him to lead the team well. Continue to pray for the new Masters in Counseling program that ABTS is working to offer.

• Praise God that Ella found an apartment in Grand Rapids. She is now looking for a job that will provide enough hours to cover her expenses. Pray that God will provide the right opportunity for her.

• The Hard to Hope ministry is now in full swing with their new home gym. Karen has two groups of ladies coming each week, with a total of six participants. Pray for these women as they grow not only in physical strength but also in emotional and spiritual strength. Pray also for Karen as she leads and invests in these women each week.