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meet the BLUMENSTOCKS



THAILAND

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 works at Ella's school as a substitute teacher.

PRAISE + + +

+ Praise the Lord as Jim, Karen, and the entire ABTS staff work faithfully in doing His work throughout Asia. Pray for their continued health and safety. Pray that the Lord continues to provide whatever resources they require.

PRAYER > > >

> Pray for Jim Jatin, the ABTS connection in Nagpur and the rest of the ABTS team as they begin their work in starting the Nagpur cohort in the coming months. May the Lord's presence be strongly felt in directing them in accomplishing His goals for the cohort.

> Pray for the Lord to provide wisdom and discernment for the ministry of ABTS in the coming months. May His Spirit direct ABTS in the decisions which need to be made.

> Pray for ABTS as they are actively planning a new cohort in Bangkok which they hope to start in April. Pray for the 10 students from two churches who are eager to begin their programs with ABTS. Pray also for Jim and his staff as they work on logistics and finalize the recruiting process.

> Pray for Jim, and Karen as they continue to do the Lord's work through ABTS. Pray for the Lord to lead them wisely in the decisions they need to make. Also pray for the Lord to provide them wisdom, peace, and comfort for family related matters.

> Pray for Ella as she continues her education far from home. May she feel the Lord's love as it surrounds her. Pray for Jim and Karen asking the Lord to provide them with His peace in knowing that Ella resides in the security of His hands.

