

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.

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PRAISE + + +

+ Jim and Karen thank God for a smooth transition back to Chiang Mai last month. They are now settled and back to normal work and life routines.

+ They are also thankful that Ella is doing so well during her freshman year at Cornerstone University. They know difficult days are ahead, especially when homesickness kicks in, but it's very encouraging to see how independent and strong Ella has been so far.

PRAYER > > >

> Pray for Ella to develop deep christian friends, do well in her studies, and be strengthened by God's Word daily. And pray for Jim and Karen as they miss her terribly.

> Jim's mom was diagnosed with cancer over a month ago. She is currently un-dergoing chemotherapy treatments and seems to be responding well so far. Please pray for her (Helen) as well as Jim's father (Rich) as he provides primary care at home.

> A new round of classes began two weeks ago with 43 students enrolled in four classes. Please pray for the professors and students. Scheduling classes post-COVID is proving very difficult, so please pray for Jim as he works on starting new cohorts and encouraging students to return to the classroom.