

meet the BLUMENSTOCKS



THAILAND



their story

Jim and Karen Blumenstock are from Cedarville, OH and were married in 1996. They have a 14-year-old adopted daughter, Ella. 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 the strength coach and substitute teacher.

prayer requests

The Blumenstocks praise God for answered prayers for last month's class in Manila on Christian Worldview. It was a wonderful success.

Jim thanks the Lord for a successful conference in Panama last month also.

Pray for Jim as he leads Asia Biblical Theological Seminary. Ask God to give him wisdom and to lead well. Pray for unity among all the faculty and staff of ABTS. Pray that God's Word goes out powerfully through the seminary classes to the students and throughout all of Asia.

Pray for the two ABTS classes going on at Mae La Refugee camp. This is a camp for displaced, persecuted Myanmar refugees. The living conditions there are very poor and the people lack hope of ever getting out of the camp. But a small group of Christians there are taking seminary courses, wanting to be trained in the Word and be a light for Jesus. Pray for the students to be diligent in their studies and be encouraged in them. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in the camp, that they may be strengthened and encouraged and be a strong, hopeful witness of the love of Christ for the people. May many be drawn to Jesus in spite of their desperate situation.

Pray for the Blumenstocks' daughter Ella, that she will continue to grow in her love for the Lord and be a testimony in her high school.

The Blumenstocks' support level has been steadily decreasing, and they are now 93%, \$530 per month under-supported. In addition, they have Ella's school bill coming up without sufficient funds to pay it. Please pray for this situation and ask God to move miraculously to supply this need and to move on peoples' hearts to partner with the Blumenstocks financially and prayerfully.