

# 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 Blumenstock family praises God that they are now well-settled in the US, and they're getting used to their new daily routines. They thank God that Ella seems to be enjoying school at Jackson Christian, and she is making a number of new friendships. Thank God for friendly teachers, and for a smooth transition.

Also, Jim and Karen are thankful for encouraging visits with supporters. They feel so blessed to have such a wonderful team of churches and individuals who are faithfully praying and giving.

While Ella was busy at school, Jim and Karen praise God that they were able to enjoy a much-needed vacation in Montana.

The Blumenstocks have been able to visit a few of their supporting churches and individual donors. October and November will be busy months for them as they visit another six churches. Please pray for their upcoming travels. In October, they'll be in Lansing, MI, Rochester, MI, and Pittsburgh, PA.

This month, ABTS will hold a pilot course in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Please pray for a good turnout so that ABTS may offer the rest of their degree program there over the next two years.

The Blumenstocks will be visiting The Bible Chapel October 26-27. Pray that we will have good support for them to share their ministry. Pray that we can also encourage and strengthen them.

Pray for Asia Biblical Theological Seminary (ABTS) in Jim's absence. Pray that the staff will be unified, and there would be a spirit of teamwork.

Pray that all of the Blumenstocks will find some rest and renewal during this furlough, both physically and spiritually.