

meet
MARIA AMIHAN



FAITH HOUSE
THAILAND



her story

Maria Nelma Amihan is from the Philippines and originally worked in pharmaceutical sales. In the 1990s, God used the time she spent volunteering at her local church to stir her heart toward the country of Myanmar, which has the longest-running civil war in the world. Maria's initial attempts to follow her calling fell through, and so she sought God's direction, as she strongly felt that is where He was calling her. Then Maria was directed to the border of Myanmar, in Maesot, Thailand, where she saw the migrant children in such desperate conditions and knew that was where she was to fulfill her calling.

In 2002, Elpis Ministries was formed to begin to teach the children to read since they were not allowed to attend a Thai school. What began as a literacy program developed into a migrant school of 35 children, and today the school has 310 students!

Due to desperate conditions, many of these children's parents were not able to care for them, and so many were being forced into human trafficking. It was because of this that in 2004 Maria and her team changed course in their ministry and Faith House was born. The team initially identified two girls who were high risk and provided them with care, schooling, life skills, and the saving message of Jesus Christ. Upon entering Faith House, many of these girls were malnourished, sickly, insecure, and distrustful, but through the years Faith House has changed the trajectory of their lives. Faith House now cares for 30 girls, and many of them have become community leaders, Bible study teachers, and worship leaders. Someday, these young ladies may return to their homeland, and they are now equipped to reach Myanmar with the Gospel and continue the work that Maria began.

The Bible Chapel has partnered with Faith House since 2018.

FEBRUARY 2024
PRAISE

- ❖ The team went to Chiangmai to attend the graduation of Namfon. Our first fruit. Namfon joined Faith House in 2008. Abandoned by her parents to the care of her grandmother when she was 8 months old. She was in danger of being trafficked at 13 years old pushed by relatives. She was determined to study and graduated from Social Services studies at Chiangmai University last year and is currently working. She had her graduation ceremony last January 30. Hallelujah! Our efforts in the Lord and your support are bearing fruit. Had dinner celebration for Namfon's graduation together with university girls and Namfon's friends.
- ❖ Paw Poe is now in her job internship. She, too, will be graduating from university this May.
- ❖ Faith House Extension - Aung Khant Thu, an attendee of Saturday School at our Blessing Center, partly supported by Faith House, also graduated from university together with Namfon. Hallelujah!
- ❖ Additional 4 families for home Bible study.
- ❖ We praise God for your intentional prayers.

PRAYER

- We need a local Burmese worker that can speak English to help in Bible studies and church work.
- Complete healing - Lwell Sue Shi is sickly. She previously suffered from Leukemia and recovered.
- Eh Lar - problematic. Left Faith House. Pray for repentance and the work of the Holy Spirit in her life.
- Good health of the children. It has been a long season. Many staff and children are sick.
- Aye Sander Myint is graduating from high school in March. She might need to go back to Myanmar again to get her passport and other documents. Please pray for safety.
- Please pray for the safety of Eh Doh Paw and Khin Mar San who will also be going to get Myanmar documents and passports in preparation for their graduation next year.
- **Next Meeting Wednesday, March 12, 2024 @ 8:00 AM EST**