

meet
MARIA AMIHAN



FAITH HOUSE
THAILAND

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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.

APRIL 2022

PRAISES + + +

+ Isabel's last check up update; "No cancer cells in the body. Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice. My ultrasound is negative, blood test, no more Cancer! Thank you everyone for all your prayers. Ready to go."

+ Last month Faith House was isolated for 3 weeks due to covid. Most had mild symptoms.

+ Church and Sunday School were resumed last week of March. Vacation time is evangelism time.

+ Three girls from university home for summer break joining evangelism and Bible studies.

+ Grace was able to book a ticket to go back to the Philippines for a vacation this June.

PRAYER > > >

> Please pray for Aye Aye Myint and Paw Tha Su to pass the Pre-GED Program exam.

> Please pray for Khin Khin Way to be accepted to BEAM GED Review school.

> Faith House staff to be able to guide with wisdom the career choice of the 5 girls in Grade 12.

> Please pray that we will be able to obtain ID's for Khin Khin Way and Paw Tha Su.

> Please pray for Khin Khin way to be able to go to Myanmar to get a National ID this April. Praying that the Lord's favor will be upon her. It is dangerous to go inside Myanmar at this time of war, but we are praying that there will be people that can accompany her. Please pray also that she will be given a family registration in Myanmar.

> Please pray for Aye Aye Myint and Aye Sandar Myint that the village her will favor them in signing for their papers for 10-year ID.

> Gigi's mother is diagnosed with dementia. Please pray for Gigi, her mother, and the family members back in the Philippines who are struggling to take care of her.

> Maria is renewing her US Visa. Please pray that she will be issued a 10-year US entry visa.