

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.

**MARCH 2023**

**PRAISES + + +**

- + Praise God for keeping safe the girl from Myanmar (Rosie) until she reaches Maesot. Hallelujah!
- + Praise God Faith House was able to work with Chiangmai University undergrad and post grad students to facilitate their exposure work with migrant and displaced people.
- + Campaign on recycling. Faith House girls Bang-On Grade won the Miss Newspaper of Maepa Witt High School while Eik Ei Moe Won as runner up.
- + Faith House Church had a Volleyball sports day with the Sunday School children.
- + Sometimes you have to teach children how to express love. They did it by making Valentine's card.
- + Two of our Maesot Tech College girls finished school and has been hired. Will start working March 13.
- + Gigi finished her Graduate Counseling Course. 8. Isabel is back for long term missionary work.

**PRAYER > > >**

- > Please pray for two more girls that we are trying to bring to Faith House that we will be able to find a reliable person to accompany them until they are safe in Maesot. .
- > Praying for a male ministry to work alongside us to minister and follow up the boys attending Sunday School and Worship Service. They really are really in need of nurture.
- > Praying for spirit led creative ways to minister to the children and home Bible study groups.
- > Faith House will host the Youth Missionary Training Program of Asian Center for Missions on April 4-7. We will be having guests and trainers at that time. Praying for good attendance, working of the Holy Spirit, understanding of the teachings, provision and safety. Strength for Thida as translator.
- > Faith House will host Counseling Outreach Program of Koinonia Theological School on May 2-7. Please pray for safe travel of trainers, strength, working of the Holy Spirit, good coordination.
- > Please pray for Faith House staff and children good health. April and May are full months for FH.