

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.

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PRAISES + + +

+ Praise God, Hallelujah! Thank you for your prayers. Khin Khin Way will not go to Myanmar to get her family registration, and ID. Somebody volunteered to go and do it for her. We were worried to let her go due to the ongoing war.

+ There are four new girls that arrived in Faith House this month. Two girls came from the war zone and has to travel 6 days to cross the border.

+ Children attending the weekly evangelism near Pacharoen market has increased. They are also showing spiritual improvement. One boy Set Set retold the previous week Bible story in the class. Hallelujah!

+ Three Faith House girls studying in Chiangmai are home for the summer break. They had been helping in some documents translation and mentoring other girls.

+ Gigi has been conducting counseling session with the girls as part of her post graduate course. Some girls were able to open about their struggles and confusion. Praise God.

PRAYER > > >

> Please continue to pray for Gigi's mother who have dementia. Healing, strength for the caretakers, understanding and patience of family members.

> Aye Aye Myint and Paw Tha Sur to pass the Pre-GED exam so they can take the GED exam.

> Please pray for God's favor for Namfon. For the people that will give evidence of her stay in Thailand since she was child, so that she can be given a Thai national ID.

> Aye Aye Myint and Aye Sandar Myint's ID processing to be hastened.

> Please pray that Khin Khin Way's Myanmar family registration and ID will be released soon.

> Nakhaingzin is from an abusive family. Please pray that she will be released by her family that is preventing her from going back to Faith House. We want her to be in safe environment in Faith House. She is confused and emotionally manipulated by family members who wants her to stop school.

> Wipa. Please pray for her good health. She is sickly, sometimes confused, and demotivated.

> Aye Aye Myint, Paw That Sue, Khin Khin Way, Glory Poe will try to get the entrance exam for Maefa Luang University. Please pray that they will be accepted and will be able to take and pass the Placement Exam.