



MEET

Maria Amihan

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.

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PRAISE

- 1.P. Chan Naing, Faith House Church pastor graduated Bachelor's Degree in Theology from Mercy Myanmar Bible College. Hallelujah!
- 2. Siloam Church, an extension of Faith House Church, held their first Worship Service last January. Worship Services will be held there every Saturday for church members who do not have ID.
- 3. Short term volunteers till April 2026. "Advance team," have been helping out in Faith House activities, nightly devotions and Bible teaching at Elpis School. Praise God.
- 4. Dr. David Kennedy, from Mercy Pattaya NGO donated an Apple computer and 16 mattresses to Elpis School and some pillows to Faith House.
- 5. Gigi has new visa and work permit that does not require her travel to Chiangmai for renewal.

PRAYER

- 1. Pray for Siloam Church of Maesot. Pray for the spiritual growth and welfare of the members. University application and visa. Ei Aike Moe will be accepted in Phayao University.
- 2. Snow White & Roxena have finished their entrance interview for university, awaiting result.
- 3. Mu Ghay's late Univ. application in June as she is awaiting her Grade 12 graduation in March.
- 4. The coming final exams of schools in Maesot.
- 5. Favor as Than Htwe our bus driver, need to renew his Pink ID (work permit) and Driver's license.
- 6. Protection and fast processing as Deborah and her family need to upgrade their ID and passport in Myanmar.
- We thank God for your prayer and intercessions for Faith House family and church members.