



## 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

- Khin Khin Wai was able to tell her testimony to during the ACM 30th anniversary celebration at Bacolod City, Philippines. Praise God for the opportunity to travel and declare the wonderful work of God in Faith House and in her life.
- Praise God some youth of the church with their parents are now actively participating in church activities.
- Some women of the church are taking up leadership role in the church.
- The girls who are in their second year in Faith House have so improved that they are now taking teaching in the village outreach.
- Faith House missionaries and staff fun time, games, and fellowship.

## PRAYER

- Please pray for God's direction for Maria and Gigi as they prepare to go the USA. Pray for God's divine appointments and the powerful move of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for good health, refreshment, and renewal of strength for the Faith House team as they work with the girls and serve the community.
- Protection from accidents, sickness, dengue, chikungunya and waterborne diseases.
- Four Faith House girls are in their fourth year in university some are writing their thesis or "on- the-job" training. May they all be able to graduate this school year. Khin Khin Wai was selected as one of the students of Rajabhat University to attend a week- long aviation management course in Indonesia. Pray for wisdom, guidance, protection and provision.