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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

- The 3 girls that went to Myanmar has been their educational visa, is now back in Thailand, legally and has started their Freshman year in Mae Fah Luan University Chiangrai. Allelujah!
.It is rainy season in Thailand and the road coming to Faith House has lots of potholes. The staff and the girls worked in filling up the potholes. The girls were happily singing while doing it. Such a blessing when people inspire young girls to work with their heart filled with joy.
- The Faith House staff were able to conduct an English Camp in Maepa Wittayakom School as invited by their English Department.
- The team were able to give out wood/charcoaled cooking stove to member of the church in the village and those in the urban area.
- Registered the ministry cars to the school to for use to send and fetch the children from school.
- The health center came to do fogging around Faith House to prevent mosquito borne diseases.
- Celebrated Faith House 16th Anniversary and the Dedication of the new church.

PRAYER

- 1.Two children a boy and a girl 10 & 8 "Chai & Ying". Displaced. Wandering from one village to another. Had never been to school. Praying to talk to their parents about their education.
- 2. Pray for the adjustment of the new girls in university.
- 3.Pray for the new university graduates as they go through the transition process of being students, looking for work or starting a new job and financial responsibility.
- 4. Boys Dorm children will be able to navigate the processing of their 10-year ID as the school will not help anymore.
- 5. Family of Naw Usa undergoing difficult time of testing at this time. That they may grow in their faith and relationship with the Lord.
- Always grateful for covering us in prayer.