



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

- Pray with us as we plan for the Dedication of our previous hall which now converted into a church. Faith House Church had invited pastors and leaders from the Burmese community to attend and bless the new building.
- Khin Mar San & Roxena are taking their placement exam for university. May they pass well.
- Praise God for His favor and protection. Got stuck in the mud. A neighbor nearby help to tow the car. Another time fell by the side of the road. A towing company removed our car.
- Pray for fast release of the educational papers of Khin Mar San, Roxena, and Eh Doh Paw so that they can go to Myanmar to get their visa. Expected time is July 10-15. Praying it comes sooner.
- Pray for the ministry to the Hindus. Bible study attendees are experiencing oppression & persecution.

PRAYER

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, Prov. 3:5
- PRAISES
- Will Dedicate the renovated hall now converted into a church on August 2.
.Mu Ghay won 1st Prize an Illustration contest of a booklet on Child Protection. Myint Myint San won 2nd place on Air Pollution Hazard & Infectious Diseases Prevention. Hallelujah!
- Mu Ghay is accepted for GED program at Parami School.
- Praise God, and thank you so much to Bible Chapel for sponsoring the airfare of the Filipino Missionaries to attend a retreat and renewal in Malaysia; learning about brokenness and waiting on the Lord. They came back refreshed and renewed.
- The new 10 years old below girls are adjusting well to life at Faith House although they have a little struggle with Burmese-Karen language.
- Ei Aike Moe will leave July 1 for Mae Fah Luang University.