



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. Wisdom and guidance for the missionaries and staff as they navigate the complexity & difficulty of dealing with children with trauma, surging hormone and rebelliousness of youth.
- 2. Pray for one girl named R dealing with mental health issues and run away. Although our team has counselors but we are not equipped enough to deal with complex behavioral problems.
- 3. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the minds and hearts of the children under our care. That they may will understand that rules, policies and boundaries are for their own welfare.
- 4. Rose Cy a troubled girl with much potential run away from Faith House. She was moved to a Bible School that teaches music as decided by family. May she be able to settle and mature there.
- 5. Pray with us for another local worker to help handle bible studies.
- 6. The Thai government has made it more difficult to apply for children to apply for 10-year ID to stay and study in Thailand. Faith House boys and girls are affected. Praying for creative ways to be to register Faith House children.
- 7. Khin Mar San family's village was bombed. Her family is staying in the jungle. They're looking for a new town to stay. Please pray for their safety and a place to settle in.

PRAYER

- 1. The renovated activity hall of Faith House was converted into a church and was Dedicated last August 2, 2026. Hallelujah! Faith House Church started as a children's outreach 17 years ago. It evolved into a children's church as adults started attending. Those children had become worship leaders, some graduated in university and are also serves and are involved in other ministries.
- 2. Rajabhat University will be holding a graduation ceremony of last year's graduate. Two girls from Faith House; Khin Moe Aye and Suwanan will be joining the ceremony.
- 3. Newly graduate Faith House girl Nan Aye Myint has joined the ministry as Faith House staff. She has been doing Bible studies, outreaches and taking care of children's health.
- 4. The new girls from Chirsti Na and 2 other smaller ones are settling well in Faith House and are good in doing chores and joining activities.
- 5. The new girls at Mae Fah Luang University had joined a church and bible study group.