

meet MARIA AMIHAN



FAITH HOUSE THAILAND

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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.

recent prayer requests

Blessings to the church and faithful Prayer Warriors.

Eight Faith House girls are "flying out" of the coop this year. Four are going to university in Chiangmai. Our prayer is that they will not depart from what they had learned and lived in Faith House.

PRAISES

1. Fashai graduated from Hotel and Restaurant course, she started work last May 17. The lady manager gave her an apartment space for free.
2. Khin Khin Way passed the scholarship for GED training in Min Ma Haw school. She was sent to her school dormitory.
3. Suwanan & Khin Moe Aye are accepted in Rajabhat University. They are leaving second week of June for Chiangmail
4. Paw Poe will be starting second year Rajabhat University.
5. Namfon is already in Chiangmai University dorm. Her school has already started.
6. Six girls have already enrolled in Has Tho Lei school. Two will start in the GED program.

PRAYERS

1. Please pray that the 10-year ID application of Paw Poe will be approved soon. There is a 40-day waiting period after it is approved. He school is opening soon.
2. Please pray that Chiangmai will not require 14 day quarantine so that Grace could send off the university students. They need some adjustment.
3. That the Thai government will allow migrant schools to have classes face-to-face.
4. The girls for their adjustment in their respective schools, that they will continue to be faithful in serving the Lord. That they will find a good church and grow spiritually.