

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

PRAISES

1. Grace was able to send Khin Moe Aye and Suwanan to Chiangmai to start university life. Faith House had a "Sending Out" prayer time for them.
2. Khin Moe Aye & Suwanan meet up and visited the school of other Faith House college students in Chiangmai, Phyu Phwe Way and Aung Khant Thu. They celebrated with a dinner.
3. The baking and cooking class the girls studied in the summer bore fruit. They were able to make chicken burritos for the birthday of our house parent Pastor Naung Naung.
4. Grace preached in Love and Care Learning Center. An English training School for high school students.
5. Isabel is having a regular meet up in messenger with Phyu Phwe Way and girls who had been sheltered in Faith House before.
6. Gigi is taking courses in Counseling, while Maria is taking courses in Debriefing, Isabel and Maria took up Coaching seminars.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. There was a report that all employees of factory in Maesot are all covid positive. All Thai schools that opened face to face are currently closed again and having online classes.
2. Grace was asked to share God's word to Love & Care every Wednesday. Please pray that these Buddhist background students will experience Christ personally.
3. Grace has heard that Thailand might be closed to foreigners again until August or September due to the surge of covid. Inter-provincial travel is limited only to necessity only. There is a surge of the delta strain variant.
4. Please pray for our language translators during Sunday worship services; Tha Zin Oo, Ajima, Aye Aye Myint, Paw Poe, Angema.
5. Please pray for the 2nd dose vaccine of Gigi & Maria.



Khin Moe Aye (in yellow) and Suwanan in front of their school, Rajabhat University.



Grace, Khin Moe Aye, Suwanan in Chiangmai University visiting Namfon.



Grace treating the girls Namfon, Khin Moe Aye, Suwanan to dinner in Chiangmai



Faith House students in Chiangmai with Aung Khant Thu who is partly supported by FH.



Send off prayer time for Khin Moe Aye and Suwanan.



Birthday celebration of Saya naung Naung and June celebrants. Learned from cooking class how to make burritos. Now enjoying the fruit of their labor.