

meet
MARIA AMIHAN



FAITH HOUSE
THAILAND



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.

JULY 2024

PRAISE

- ❖ Baptism of 13 people attending the church last June 8, 2024. Praises to God alone.
- ❖ Paw Thar Su was sponsored by a Mae Tao clinic supporter to have her heart valve repaired in Bangkok with minimum expenses from Faith House. Praise God, Hallelujah!
- ❖ More families from Saisuda's village are attending the church services. Hallelujah!!!
- ❖ Saisuda won the Thai song singing contest in her school. Will compete with other schools.
- ❖ Aye Sandar Myint was accepted as a Career Service trainee at Youth Connect while waiting for her documents for university.
- ❖ Moe Dar Jan, Grade 6, has been elected as a student leader.
- ❖ A new girl "at-risk" U Gay, has joined Faith House last week. She's 13 years old. The first week of June, there were two 7-year-old girls who had also joined to Faith House for safety reasons.
- ❖ Faith gave a lunch treat newly graduated from elementary & high school girls, Wa Wa Htoo, Khin Mar San and Aye Sandar Myint.

PRAYER

- ❖ Heidi Gaffud. Will have her mission exposure with Faith House starting August 11 to Sept.8 Please pray that she will permanently join our team. We really need her.
- ❖ Pastor Chan is having difficulty gathering the youth boys as they are scattered and don't have a place to hold Bible study as the boys' parents don't want to hold it in their homes.
- ❖ We are having difficulty in looking for a place for Aye Sandar Myint to stay while studying at Youth Connect as her school is out of the way of other Faith House children's schools.
- ❖ Please pray for healing for the mother of one of Faith Huse Extension child.
- ❖ Please pray for a Sunday driver to help in the ministry. Current driver is not careful with children.
- ❖ Please pray for wisdom as the pastor and staff conducts Bible studies. Need for wisdom, direction of lessons as well as understanding and growth of attendees. Workers are also tired.