

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.

**SEPTEMBER
2024**

PRAISE

- ❖ Praise God for the new name car. A Toyota Revo single cab. The roof and seats for use as a schoolbus will be finished on Sept, 24. It is named Bbright Merkava (Hebrew word for chariot.)
- ❖ Praise God for the increasing number of Bible study attendees at the lumber yard area.
- ❖ Praise God for 2 Counselors coming to teach Sand Therapy to Faith House staff.
- ❖ The opportunity for Faith House staff to spend Mother's Day with girls in their school celebration.
- ❖ A new Bible study group is conducted at Blessing Center.
- ❖ Praise God for more people attending the Sunday Worship
- ❖ It will be the 13th of Faith House Church anniversary on September 8.

PRAYER

- ❖ Two to three Counselors are coming on Sept.23- 30 from the USA to train Faith House staff on Sand Therapy. These counselors are recommended by the school of P. James Blumenstock.
- ❖ Faith House Church will hold it's 13th church anniversary. It started as a children's outreach.
- ❖ Please pray for safety and protection of the drivers and members. Pray for protection from police.
- ❖ Many church members are oral leaners. Praying for audio Bible to give the members.
- ❖ Church youth both boys and girls to grow in spiritual maturity also to be able to express their faith.
- ❖ Protection against dengue fever and flu. Good health of children.
- ❖ Pray for the emotional, mental and emotional maturity of Faith House girls. As growing teenager they need much wisdom in handling relationships.