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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

- Finished roofing of the new car. It is now looking like a transport car.
- Garage extension for the new car.
- Praises for the training on Sand Therapy. The missionaries and staff are so enthusiastic on how to apply it after the training. The trainees though were vulnerable but ministered unto. Hallelujah!
- Faith House Church anniversary Sept. 8, 2024. There were about 200 people attended and there were testimonies of church member on how they came to know and have grown in the Lord. Hallelujah!
- Healing of those with dengue fever and pneumonia.
- Faith girls helped clean up the library and hall.
- Bringing the staff for a day out to fellowship.
- God's sustaining strength for the staff and missionaries to bring sick children to hospitals and clinics for consultations and check up for 2-3 times a week.

PRAYER

- Pray against sickness. Every week there are 3-5 children being brought to the hospital for consultations and checkup. Fever, cough, pneumonia, small accidents, chicken pox.
- Simply Mobilizing Conference. Safe travels, protection, good health to Filipina missionaries Maria, Gigi, Grace, Isabel and Vergie are going to Bali, Indonesia to attend the conference.
- Protection of children and staff. Only Thida and Htway (Isabella) will be left with the children as all the Filipina missionaries will be going. They will be there for 4 days.
- It is exam time for the first semester of the year. May the girls be inspired to do well in exams.
- Nakhaingzin. Ambivalent, confused, victim of mental, and emotional abuse. She is on her internship and last year at Maesot Tech college. May she be able to do well.