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Maria Amihan

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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.

January 2025

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- Organized, raise funds, bought things, packed Christmas buckets, lunch, snack packs, distributed, and held raffle for 8 Christmas parties reaching about 1,500 for Christmas Gospel.
- Baptism of 11 church members on December 27
- Christmas gifts of T-shirts to Faith House girls and church members.
- Four university girls home for Christmas vacation.
- Christian Outreach Centre from Chiangmai came to give rice and gifts to 100 of our members.
- An entire family went to the temple to bid goodbye to Buddhism, accept Jesus and be baptized

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- Please pray for the missionaries and staff well-being. Recovering from Additional Volunteers until the others come back from leave.
- Exam days for the 3rd quarter for the elementary and high school girls that they continue to excel.
- Wisdom on how to empower the new Believers from the villages.
- Breakthrough and spiritual growth of Bible study attendees from the Hindu community.