



**MEET**

**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.**

**November 2024**

**PRAISE**

- Praise God that Faith House Church and Faith House Shelter is acknowledged as member of Christian Outreach Center under the Evangelical Churches of Thailand.
- Praise God to be able to attend the Simply Mobilizing Southeast Asia conference in Bali
- 0Indonesia. Faith House missionaries were more encouraged to work "On a Mission with God."
- Inspired by testimonies of people continuing to serve the Lord despite hardships, sickness and persecution.
- Isabel, Maria, grace and Vergie were able to join the once-a-year conference of the members of Christian Outreach Centre of which we are members.
- The issuance by the Thai government Land Transportation of a new plate number for the new
- Toyota donated by Bbright. The car is now licensed to privately ferry children and adults.
- Praise God for Ajima's excellence award in school award. Helping in "Arts and Coffee" activity.
- Praise God for 4 Church youth who are learning guitar with Pastor Chan. Praying they will be future Praise and Worship members.
- Discovered and "spied on" a potential migrant village.

**PRAYER**

- Please pray for our girls in university. Some of them had encountered some prejudice in school.
- Upcoming Christmas activities. We are preparing to organize 5 Christmas parties in schools church and giving out Christmas buckets to 6 villages.
- For Faith House Church men & youth to grow in spiritual maturity and participate in service.
- Pray for the new village we "spied on" that we will be able to establish an outreach there.
- A Faith House girl named "Rosie". She wants to quit school as she is having difficulty in her studies. She's talented in music.
- Pray for more workers to join the ministry. Grace is taking a furlough January to July 2025.
- Isabel and Vergie are taking a leave mid-December to February 2025.