

meet MARIA AMIHAN



FAITH HOUSE THAILAND

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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.

prayer requests

Maria continues to praise God for The Bible Chapel's team that went and ministered to them in April. God is still bringing healing and blessing to the staff and girls as a result of the trip.

Maria praises God that He has miraculously held off the rain while their roof is being repaired. And they praise God that a brush fire behind their house was discovered early enough that the girls were able to put it out with buckets of water before any damage happened.

Pray that God will continue to bring healing and wholeness to the Faith House girls as they come to Jesus and experience His love. Pray that each of them will know Him as their loving Father. Pray for the staff also, for strength, encouragement and wisdom as they minister to each other and the girls.

Pray for the completion of Faith House's roof repair. The Bible Chapel is funding this project. Pray also for wisdom and guidance for other projects that TBC is funding at Faith House, a perimeter fence and security camera. Pray for wisdom and trustworthy contractors to be found.

Pray for the visa extension of the workers and staff of Faith House. Thailand gives 1 year visas to foreign workers every year that are based on the Social Welfare Department and Immigration. Pray that all the staff will be granted visas for the coming year.

Phyu Phwe has applied to several universities. Please pray that she will be accepted into the university that God has pick out for her and pray for her to trust in God while she waits.

Pray for wisdom and good health for all the Faith House staff.