

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.

recent prayer requests

Prayers of thanks that Grace received her 2-year work permit and one-year visa.

Praise that Zowe had a successful eye surgery in Chiangmai. Mae Tao Clinic found a donor organization that sponsored her surgery. Thank you for praying for her.

Fashai, one Faith House girl is having OJT in Phunnagun Guest House. The manager said that she works well and is asking her to work for them when she graduates. Praise God!

Khine Tha Zin Tun, a Faith House girl received a 2,000 Baht (US\$66) allowance from her school. God's favor.

Prayers of thanks that the Faith House staff with our Burmese pastor was able to have a lunch fellowship. Fellowship is so important at this time.

Praise God that we can do ministry face to face in urban, poor, communities after another short lockdown.

November 5, Aye San Dar Myint is scheduled to see her doctor again. Pray her ear condition has improved and she will not need surgery anymore.

Please pray for wisdom for Faith House staff in handling difficult cases with the girls. We continue to trust God to resolve this challenge.

Pray for the girls who are having their final exams beginning in November, specifically for the university students Phyu Phwe Way (Namfon), Paw Poe and Aung Khant Thu.

Please pray for Paw Poe. Her orphan spirit is coming out and manifests in psychological and emotional difficulty for her and the staff as well.

Maria had a protozoan parasite causing stomachache. The medication is finished but the stomach pain is still there. She needs to see the physician again. Please pray.

We are always grateful for your intentional prayers