

Goh May Lan, 84 years

affectionately known as "Auntie May"

Locations: Pilgrimages to Malaysia - Santa Cruz (Melaka), St Jude's (Kuala Lumpur), St Anne's (Penang); various other trips

Duration: Approximately 5 days per trip

Takeaways

On getting started:

I experienced what I can only describe as a miracle cure in 1983 on a trip to Lourdes. I had been suffering from bleeding piles for 19 years.

But that fateful day, bolstered only by my faith in the Lord, I was freed from my affliction. After my husband passed away, I decided to dedicate myself to mission work. I do what I can in the way that I can. That's how I started. Life is short and unpredictable. We have to live it in the best way possible.

On her promise to God:

My energy comes from 'above'! I made a promise to commit myself to mission work, and I will see that promise through for as long as I physically can. I'd really like to join a mission trip to Myanmar with the Canossian Sisters. I'm working on that.

On the trips that she organises:

I've been organising simple pilgrimage tours since 1992 to locations in Malaysia that are accessible and travel-friendly. I organise three key tours each year: Santa Cruz, St Jude's and St Anne's. In between these, I organise short trips to nearby cities like Batam and Kuantan, to keep in touch with friends, old and new. Any profits made from these trips are donated to an orphanage and home for street children in Sri Lanka.

