

The Vine Team

2017 thanksgiving thoughts



Joyce Tan
Writer. Awesome team player. iFly Adventurer.

“For me, I learn to give thanks to God for the people that I sometimes take for granted. The wonders of the nature always bring me back to the reality of reflecting on what had happened. It does not always need to be good times or better things happening to mean that God is good. Perhaps, that is the reason why I enjoy cruises where it gives me the opportunity to know God better without the interference of a busy lifestyle and noises around the dilemmas of what we need to do. This year, I thank God for being there through my husband, family, friends, brothers & sisters in Christ when I am alone, unwell, sad, discouraged, confused and angry. I pray that I will continue to find the meaning in life as I walk with Him in fellowship with others in His Love.”

“Thank God for the new church building that He has provided us and for bringing us through all the various events this year, from the open house, to the 50th anniversary. Also thank God for the opportunity to serve Him and to study His words.”



Edwin Yeo
Photographer. Foodie Explorer.

"This is the last issue of The Vine for 2017. The Vine Team is filled with gladness for the Lord's blessings of camaraderie in teamwork.

The 12 issues we produce this year would not be possible without the encouragement and support from readers. Certainly, this is **NOT THE LAST ISSUE.**

We pray that supporters will continue to be blessed by - and be a blessing through - this monthly publication as we move into 2018 for The Vine to be more fruitful. Amen!"



John Lee
Writer. Proofreader.

"2017 is almost over and as I look back and count my blessings, I am humbly thankful to our gracious Father, who sent Jesus to take the punishment for me and instead gave me the blessings. Counting backwards, I am thankful that my mother is still healthy, my daughter is finally a registered pharmacist, my wife's eye problem is getting better, the Jurong West CG seems to be growing, two mission teams have been sent out and lastly, The Vine team has very dedicated writers who always supply me with articles every month.

I am also thankful that the Roman Catholic Church had agreed that salvation is by grace through faith in Christ alone. Now that we have it on record, we have to ensure that everyone hears about this, whether at home or in the mission field."



Martin Cheah
Photographer. Writer.
Indian chief.

“My husband said that I seem to have a guardian angel guarding me from the worst of the storms, though at times I seem oblivious to it. Actually, I am aware of it and that I am always counting my blessings, whether they come in big ways or small. Even on bad days, I have never really gotten too low for long.

I do know that it is easy to take things for granted through my thoughtlessness and forgetfulness so it is important to take time to reflect, give thanks and be grateful for the good and the bad.



Alicia Wong
Writer. Editor. Restless.

In here, I want to take the chance to give thanks to the people that God has placed in The Vine team, the seen and unseen members (who contribute photographs and articles on an ad-hoc basis). My life has been enriched by their presence and contributions. They reminded me that I am not the only one being cared for and You too, touch people in different ways.

Dear God, accept my praises and thanksgivings and teach me to love You more and serve You better, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.”

“I am the *vine*;
you are the
branches.
If you remain
in *me* and
I in you,
you will bear
much *fruit*;
apart from
me you can
do *nothing*.”

-John 15:5

