

The Vine This Month
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HOM Editorial

It is very hard to produce The Vine during this **Circuit Breaker** period without the submission of articles from the members because all the news are happening at home. We don't have any news to share about what is happening in JCC because very little is going on in the building as a result of this Circuit Breaker.

Even photos of events are totally lacking as there are no activities going on anywhere. We have been practicing social distancing so much that we have not met anyone for the past few weeks, even our own families.

What is happening at home? Are there any stories to share? Probably, every one is doing the same thing, sleeping, cooking, washing, watching TV and loosing all track of time. 4D and TOTO numbers are replaced by the daily number of cases reported in the news. Speaking of 4D and TOTO, I have a colleague who showed me his wallet with money inside and remarked that in the past, his wallet would be empty.

If we do still keep in touch, it is by means of the social media, WhatsApp, emails, VTC (Video Teleconferencing) and phone calls. Unfortunately, some of these means are susceptible to hacking, while some are subject to fake news. It was reported that school children using ZOOM for online lessons had encountered a hacking situation. So do we cut off from each other completely in a time like this?

The church tries to maintain contact through the live streaming of services but as you can see, even the pastors, liturgists and others do not meet each other. We are all living in solitary confinement, sort of, if you happen to live alone. Yet we are not alone because God is with us.

Hebrews 13:5 (ESV)

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Martin Cheah