



## TESTIMONY & THANKSGIVING

# OYP Gives Thanks for 7 Years!



Rebekah

As a member of a working adult community, I am amazed at the faith of my brothers and sisters in community. Their depth of faith, the willingness to labour for the Kingdom of God, and the joy in being loved by the Lord. I believe firmly that OYP is truly raising up a generation for Christ, and I'm thankful that I get to be part of this generation who desires to love and serve the Lord together. I praise God for what He has done in my life and in the lives of my brothers and sisters, and I pray that we may be courageous and respond to His call to desire "more" for ourselves in our walk with Jesus!" - **Rebekah Broughton**

Through both being a part of Living Ark working adults community, and working for the Office, my relationship with the Lord deepened and led me to discover who I am as a person. I was loved and accepted not just for what I can do, but primarily for just being me! This is something that I hold very close to my heart. It has transformed my entire life and is something which I continue to carry with me in my own mission and ministry now as a seminarian. I am extremely grateful for the love, patience, thoughtfulness and care given to me by each and every individual whom I met at OYP. Even though my time at OYP was short, it has had such a profound impact in my own discipleship journey. Without it, I wouldn't be able to be who I am today! - **Francis Tan**



Francis



Trudy

My first encounter with OYP was at the first Combined Universities Retreat in 2014. In these six years, OYP has been a constant in reminder to me of so many important truths, affirming my identity as God's beloved child, and in being a most beautiful encourager and nurturer of gifts (for me and for so many others), keeping Jesus at the centre of it all. It has truly been a joy and blessing to see so many young people (OYP staff and chaplains included!) generously giving of themselves for the Lord, and in seeing God's faithfulness in their lives. I can't be more grateful! Praise the Lord!! - **Trudy Chua**

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# Working Adults Experience Salvation and Freedom

We praise God for being so present to the 200 young working adults who spent the weekend of 5 - 8 Nov participating and serving at OYP's 12th run of the Treasure retreat! The message of salvation and freedom in our Lord Jesus Christ cannot be contained even amidst the pandemic. Many were moved by the Lord and welcomed Him into their hearts during this virtual retreat. As we wait in anticipation for Christmas, may we likewise make room for the Lord in the homes of our hearts!



Nathaniel (middle) with his cell group at home for my life. - **Nathaniel Wong, participant**

I felt uncertain yet trusting coming into the retreat. This was my first virtual retreat, and I was doubtful of how God could move hearts virtually. Yet, I also knew from past Treasure retreats how providential God was. God certainly showed up despite my doubts. During a time of prayer in the retreat, I received the image of Jesus coming into my room and standing before me with His hands outstretched and asking "Will you let me see you?". I was deeply moved because I felt God telling me I am seen and loved for who I am. I can now claim this truth, and I praise God for the grace to continue growing in intimacy with Him! - **Fiona Sng, service team**

Christmas Vector by Vecteezy

Before the retreat, I was closed off from Jesus, feeling that God was not relevant to my daily life. Through the retreat, I felt my walls slowly coming down and my heart slowly warming up to God. As I opened up more and allowed Jesus into my heart, He softly and tenderly invited me to come home to Him. This personal encounter with the Lord has made me treasure my relationship with Him. I am more convicted now about the need to nurture this relationship and acknowledge God's presence in my daily life. I desire to stand firm in who He calls me to be, and more open to His will

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# Poly-ITE Students Experience Jesus ANEW

On 25th November, over 50 students ( diploma and ITE), gathered for ANEW, a quarterly formation series aimed at helping students to deepen their faith and build Christian fellowship across the different schools and colleges.

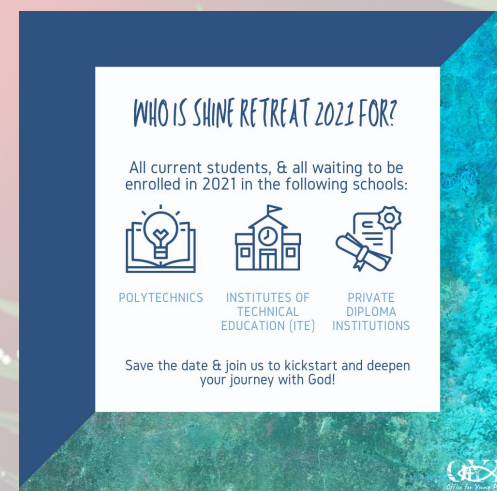
The theme for this recent run was "The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want." (Psalm 23:1)

Below are some short thanksgivings shared by some of the students who attended the session:



## SAVE THE DATE

# Poly, ITE, Diploma Students, It's Your Time to SHINE!



Join us for SHINE, an encounter retreat for polytechnic, ITE and private diploma students. The retreat will run from **23 to 26 March 2021**.

Save these dates on your calendar today and pray about someone you could invite along with you. Follow us on instagram @ **oyp.sg** for more details and updates on registration closer to the date.

\*More information will be provided when it becomes available, subject to the COVID-19 guidelines as advised by MCCY and the Archdiocese.