

Asian Grace: many reasons for Thanksgiving to God

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I would like to share some highlights from our Thanksgiving this year. We had many things to be thankful for although two of our members had gone home to be with the Lord. However, we are very grateful for what God has provided us and that we got to celebrate Thanksgiving together with Pastor Phonekeo and Chansone.

Most of us shared and gave thanks to our amazing and powerful God that we serve for His love, mercy and grace. God sent ten members from Butler Church to Thailand in the summer. He showed us his amazing grace and wonderous work in the lives of others in a country where people cannot speak of God freely.

We also gave thanks to God for all the blessings around us and the joys of fellowship with Him. Also, thanks were given to God for blessing us the strength and courage, especially during the hard times when Pastor Gary and Somphan Vongviset went home to be with the Lord. Pastor Gary left us in January and Somphan Vongviset in August of this year.

God made this year's Thanksgiving very special because we spent it with Pastor Phonekeo and Chansone. Some of Pastor Phonekeo's great messages given were that we must give thanks to God first, our parents and then our family and friends. He also explained the four types of soils: dry, rocky, thorny, and good which made us think about the kind of soil we need to be and reminded us the reasons for Thanksgiving.

There are so many things to be thankful for everyday but especially at Thanksgiving. We are very grateful that God blessed us abundantly with families and friends at Butler Church. In any circumstance and situation, thank God for His gracious provisions.

*"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:18*