

# Woman's Christian Temperance Union

C/- 148 Fox Valley Road  
Wahroonga NSW 2076  
Australia

[joymariebutler@gmail.com](mailto:joymariebutler@gmail.com)

Facebook -  
I'm Worth It  
WOW Unlimited

Websites  
[www.wwctu.org](http://www.wwctu.org)  
[www.drugfreeyouth.org](http://www.drugfreeyouth.org)

September 23, 2014

## Friends and Sisters

The year end is fast coming and are you glad for what has been accomplished in your area during this past year? Have you shared the temperance message far and wide, have you helped one young person know the truth, have you told your church pastor of the need to preach about abstinence from drugs, alcohol and tobacco? These are simple things you can do and there's still time.

## WCTU growing in Africa

It is pleasing to tell you that WCTU is quietly moving ahead in Africa - in **Rwanda** and **Uganda** we look forward to good news in the new year from Germaine and Joy; in **Malawi** there is the Hope Endeavors Orphan Care Centre where a WCTU group is teaching the message; in **DR Congo** there is a new Union in Lubumbashi thanks to Laurentine and her faithful good work; and in **Kenya** Loreta Jent, from USA, is about to visit and encourage the existing WCTU work there.

## Papua New Guinea

In **Papua New Guinea** Caroleen Baine is sharing the WCTU message in the highlands where there is often fighting and much of it caused through alcohol. Mitroy and I will be visiting in October to set up a new Union there.

## WCTU

If you need a WCTU handbook with full instructions about how to set up and manage a new Union, please ask me. It's also available in French.

## World leader message

Margaret Ostenstad, our World leader sends this message to all members - *"Recommit your life to Christ - Ask for forgiveness and to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The Lord will give the blessing. To Him be the glory! Always! **Believe** in prayer. No matter your capacity, no matter your ability, you need help beyond your own. That help will come if you will get on your knees and plead with the Lord in prayer for strength and direction and guidance. We all need the humility that leads to prayer. We all need the humility that comes from getting on our knees in silent pleading."*

## Prayer Points

- Pray every day at noon time for WCTU
- September 28 is WWCTU Prayer Day - make it a focus
- Pray for the growing work in Africa
- Pray that peace will prevail in the highlands of PNG

## Remember

You are called for such a time as this. See Esther 4:14

Wishing you every blessing and goodwill.

*Joy*

# WORLD WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

## Departments

### **Christian Outreach Department**

The purpose of this department is to encourage the Christian walk of the members, emphasizing "*Ye are the salt of the earth... Ye are the light of the world*" Matthew 5:13a,14a) and to reach out to the faith community with the WCTU abstinence message.

- 1 Observe noontide prayer each day
- 2 Have a devotional at each WCTU meeting
- 3 Promote personal devotional time
- 4 Be an active participant in your church - invite non members to attend
- 5 Conduct a prayer walk
- 6 Form a group of mothers, grandmothers, friends of children to pray for them
- 7 Make a telephone or email prayer chain

### **Education Department**

The purpose of this department is to make the facts about alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs known to everyone.

- 1 Have a 10-15 minute lesson on alcohol, tobacco and drugs at each meeting
- 2 Use DVDs, powerpoints, charts, fact sheets, quizzes at each meeting to educate
- 3 Distribute drug-free literature to churches, teachers, schools, mothers, doctors etc
- 4 Use bulletin boards or display areas to promote WCTU messages
- 5 Hold contests for children and youth with picture colouring, essays, posters

### **Home Protection**

The purpose of this department is to strengthen the Christian family values, to encourage family members to help toddlers and pre-schoolers to develop a lifetime commitment to total abstinence through the WCTU programme and to promote non-alcoholic drinks for entertaining.

- 1 Recruit Little White Ribboners (birth to 6 years) whose parents sign the pledge
- 2 Conduct a contest to promote alcohol free drinks
- 3 Distribute recipes for non-alcohol drinks, promote their use for parties etc
- 4 Hold a cooking seminar to promote cooking without using alcohol
- 5 Distribute information about the harms of gambling and pornography

### **Social Service Department**

The purpose of this department is to reach out to the community and individuals who are neglected, suffering, or in need, without any prejudice of race, religion, age or gender by sharing the love of Christ Jesus through giving our love and support.

- 1 Visit the sick and old people
- 2 Be a volunteer wherever needed - do it in the name of WCTU
- 3 Offer help in disaster areas where basic necessities are needed in name of WCTU
- 4 Help those with emergency needs due to loss of job, death in family etc
- 5 Prepare packages for women's shelters or start a women's shelter

## 6 Visit prisoners and their families

### **Children's Department**

The purpose of this department is to promote Christian values and encourage children to make choices that will lead to a drug-free life (ages 6-12)

Use the website: [www.drug-freekids.com](http://www.drug-freekids.com)

- 1 Encourage children to sign the total abstinence pledge. Be a mentor
- 2 Enlist members for the Drug-free Kids Club
- 3 Sponsor a drug-free children's club (neighbourhood, relatives, church, school)
- 4 Sponsor a creative competition (have them design a slogan, cartoon, etc)
- 5 "Grandies" (grandparents) special day with the children

### **Youth Department**

The purpose of this department is to promote a healthy lifestyle and encourage youth to be drug-free (ages teens and early twenties)

Use the website and encourage youth to use: [www.drug-freeyouth.org](http://www.drug-freeyouth.org)

- 1 Look for opportunities to present education programmes in schools, churches
- 2 Advertise and promote the website extensively - [www.drug-freeyouth.org](http://www.drug-freeyouth.org)
- 3 Mentor a young person
- 4 Sponsor fun nights for youth - demonstrate a good time without drugs
- 5 Contact youth ministers and offer information, materials, resources