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Friends and Sisters

Today I just read a story in two different books - quite unexpectedly. So, I decided I must share it with you.

A story of conversion

It happened long ago in England where a converted drunkard man was speaking to a crowd in a park in London. Men scoffed at him and taunted him with questions about the Bible, about Jesus and laughed at his simple trusting faith in God. They asked him questions he could not answer because he was not a scholarly or learned man. But he knew the difference Jesus Christ had made in his life. He replied:

"I don't know all the answers to your questions but I do know that six months ago I was a hopeless alcoholic, my wife hated to see me, my children were in rags and all the furniture was sold for drink. Then I heard about Jesus Christ. He found me and changed my life. I can't explain it or answer clever questions but I know that my wife is happy, my children run to me and we have furniture. Jesus did that for me and that's all I know."

WCTU to grow

WCTU is such a beautiful work to be part of. We can help make changes in people's lives who are hopelessly caught up in alcohol and drug abuse. That is our responsibility and privilege to save lives. Let's keep praying everywhere for God to **raise up more people** to join us.

Papua New Guinea

It is thrilling to tell you that we started a new WCTU group of young women in the **highlands of Papua New Guinea**. They are all trainee nurses and will share the message with patients. The teachers will include WCTU information in their curriculum.

This past weekend we met in Lae, PNG with **100 youth and teens** who signed the pledge and then with women from various churches on Sunday. We are reviving WCTU in Lae.

- Pray every day at noon time for the world WCTU.
- Pray for the youth and teens in your area - in Africa & PNG.
- Pray that women will respond to WCTU and join you.

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

Joy

Family Temperance Pledge



Why sign the Pledge? Because

1 Moderate drinking tends to drunkenness, while total abstinence directly from it.

2 While no one means to become a drunkard, there is said to be thousands of confirmed drunkards in our country today.

3 Intoxicating drinks can do no good as a beverage and there are always safer and surer remedies to use in case of sickness.

4 The idea of moderation is full of deceit, and our estimate of the power of our own will is usually a mistaken one.

5 The drinking habit is the cause of the larger portion of the misery, poverty and crime in our land.

6 Both science and experience prove that even moderate drinking is injurious to health.

7 Eternal interests are often forfeited through drink, for the Bible declares that no drunkard shall enter heaven.

8 The Bible pronounces no blessing upon drinking, but many upon total abstinence.

9 It is easier to keep a pledge publicly, solemnly given, than a simple resolution.

10 The pledge protects us from the solicitations of friends, and removes us from the temptations of the saloon or pub.

11 Persons miscalculate their ability to drink in moderation, and become slaves to the drinking habit before they are aware of it.

12 Intemperance obstructs civilisation, education, religion and every useful reform.

We the undersigned solemnly promise by the help of God to abstain from the use of all intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

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