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Friends & Sisters

At last I have returned 'home' to Papua New Guinea after 10 wonderful weeks travelling to Singapore/Australia/Egypt/Kenya and back to Australia. It has been enriching to be with family and friends all the way and to speak strongly about WCTU wherever I went.

Egypt

While in Egypt I was invited to speak to the students at the Nile Union Academy in an outer suburb of Cairo. I taught them how to use the powerful word NO when tempted with DAT poisons - drugs, alcohol, tobacco. Smoking is a big problem in Egypt. We handed out pledge cards and many signed. The pledge card is an important tool for WCTU and just ask me if you need them.

Kenya

While in Kenya we started another Union in the inner city of Nairobi. This is an exciting and wonderful new opportunity and Florence Onsando is the passionate new president. I was invited to speak on the TV Hope Channel and together with Douglas Nyandoro from Turning Point Counselling and Rehabilitation Centre, we presented a 45-minute programme highlighting WCTU. We pray that 1,000s of Kenyans watched this and will commit to WCTU.

New members

While there, others joined WCTU and some of the colleagues I travelled with from Australia, recommitted to WCTU.

Temperance Course

While in Kenya I met with Pastor Kigundu, chaplain of 1,000s of students at the Kenyatta University, who is committed to assisting with a Temperance course for students. This can be used across Africa and the Pacific. Pray for this please.

TODAY

Today, June 26, is the INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING. Please see the attachment to this letter, print it out back-to-back and use to show others OR send it on to those in your email network. Read and share.

PRAY

- Pray for the proposed Temperance Course for youth
- Pray for the world leaders and plans for World Convention, 2016
- Pray that God will show you what you can do to make a difference

May God bless and give you courage to stand and speak for truth.

Very sincerely and with prayers for you

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International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

26 June 2015



- Today is an important day for focusing on the threat of the production, trafficking and use of illicit drugs.
- Robust action is needed to strengthen criminal justice systems, break-up the criminal networks who deal in misery and suffering, and to nurture health and human rights-based responses.
- At present, only one in six people who use drugs globally has access to treatment. Women face numerous barriers to treatment-while one in three drug users globally are women, only one in five drug users in treatment are women.
- Africa, particularly West and East Africa, also remains vulnerable to the trafficking and the consumption of illicit drugs. These trends are part of organized crime's attack on the security, health and development of an already-fragile region.

- Countries must also work hard to protect the promise of future generations. Young people should be encouraged to undertake new initiatives that can develop aspirations and opportunities, as well as dignity.
- The UN General Assembly Special Session on the world drug problem, to be held in April 2016, can assist in the exchanges of ideas and lessons learned, and will do much to help achieve the goals set out in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action by 2019.

**Statement from Mr Yury Fedotov,
Executive Director of UNODC
on International Day against
Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**

UNODC - United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Please note all the comments above and do whatever you can in your part of the world to focus on this concern at this time.

- **Learn all you can about the topic of bad drugs.**
- **Remind the people around you, that the use and abuse of drugs is bad and can only bring about sorrow and shame.**
- **Get to know the young people and children in your area of influence and help them to know that you care for them.**
- **Volunteer to help at the local rehabilitation centre.**
- **Support mothers whose children struggle with drug-addictions.**
- **Pray for those you know whose lives are broken and hurting because of drugs.**
- **Pray for that lost child who might have lived in your neighbourhood and now addicted to drugs.**
- **Ask God to show you what you can do to help in the fight against drugs, alcohol and tobacco.**

**Message from Joy Butler
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