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Friends and Sisters

The year end has gone in a whirl. I hope and pray that yours was a wonderful time of blessing and celebration with family and friends. My time in Australia was excellent and my husband and I rejoiced in being with our children and grandchildren. Now the new year begins and we have much to praise God for and anticipate great things ahead. No alcohol marred our happiness.

World Convention Canada

This marks another World WCTU convention. This time it will be in Ottawa, Canada and if you are planning to come you need to make your bookings, apply for your visas and register on the World WCTU website. Dates are August 18-24.

Australia National Convention

Next month, March, I will be in Melbourne, Australia attending their National Convention and it will be a time to celebrate, share, listen and work on resolutions to help this nation. I hope you are doing the same thing in your various countries in Africa and Papua New Guinea to make improvements in the way people approach the DAT poisons (drugs alcohol tobacco) and to protect our children.

Reports please

Thanks to all those who have sent pictures and reports about what you are doing in your country to promote WCTU and the temperance message. Please keep doing this and for those of you who still need to do this - please start sending NOW. We will be sharing with the world just what you are doing in Africa and PNG and the world needs to know that you care and are active.

Other Temperance groups

It is very gratifying to see individuals and organisations promoting a drug-free lifestyle. Please don't hesitate to support these groups and share together how you can help each other. This can happen in all countries, including yours.

Prayer Pointers

- Please continue to pray for the growing WCTU in Africa and PNG.
- Remember to pray every day at Noon for WCTU and world leaders.
- Pray for World Convention in Ottawa, Canada, next year.
- Pray for World Leader, Margaret and others as they prepare.

God bless you each one with courage, confidence and wisdom as you face 2016. Speak up, write up, act up - for temperance - but always PRAY first.

Joy Butler

WHITE RIBBON



A White Ribbon tied in a bow has been the symbol of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union since its beginning. Francis Willard, one of its earliest and most prominent founders started this when she had a dream in which she believes God showed her a white ribbon tied around the whole world globe as a symbol of the unity of the temperance message and how it could be. She believed and worked toward all nations being aware of and teaching that the women of the world can be united in their stand against drugs, alcohol and tobacco to make a better place for their children, a world of happy homes, no violence or poverty, where women could be safe and equal in opportunity. It was a wonderful dream and a wonderful way of describing it with a pure white ribbon. We have much to be proud of.

In recent years men in many countries have united in good purpose against domestic violence and cruelty to women. They have taken as their symbol a White Ribbon and they have called their special day - White Ribbon Day. They promote abstinence of violence towards women.

One of the main causes of violence to women is alcohol and illicit drugs. This must continue to be emphasised and this is one very good reason WCTU exists and one of the main reasons it started in the 1870s in America and then quickly spread to many nations.

In many countries the members have been called White Ribboners. Please do not separate the White Ribbon from WCTU - it is our symbol and our badge of honour. Wherever you meet men who belong to the White Ribbon movement - remind them that The White Ribbon originated with WCTU and alcohol is part of the problem. Say NO to alcohol and less women will be hurt. Bless you as you share this message.