



Dear friends

Since our last newsletter sent to you in June I have been travelling in Australia and Africa speaking, conducting a JOY SAFARI in Kenya and visiting family. My constant prayers and thoughts have turned to WCTU, the world over.

News from Africa

1 While in Nairobi, Kenya I was thrilled to visit the **WCTU/ Turning Point Rehabilitation Centre** in the slum town of Ongata Rongai. There, Florence Onsando, leader of WCTU in Kenya, supports Douglas Nyandoro and his team in changing lives for the better. It was thrilling to see the new safe house for young women. I was able to help furnish this house and my co-traveller was able to sponsor one desperate young woman to enter the programme. This is a poor yet powerful plan helping many young people - all of who are educated, professional and highly articulate. They had made bad choices but with this comprehensive programme are changing their lives.

2 In the **picture above** you will see Lucy and Arnold - mother and child whose husband and father has turned to alcohol and drugs to alleviate his great poverty. He has become dangerous. This is a tragic story but we can make a difference by helping such people and offer our prayers, support, knowledge and use practical ways to alleviate such sadness. You will know people in your community who need your love in similar circumstances. God calls us to do this.

News from the Pacific

1 The National newspaper in **Papua New Guinea** this week says that 'penalties given by the courts for possession of dangerous drugs and weapons are not severe enough to deter offenders.' Therefore the courts are being called upon to give much harsher judgements. WCTU in PNG has a responsibility to take leadership and help prevent young people from getting into trouble in the first place.

2 A **national convention** will be held in Port Moresby, PNG at 17-Mile on October 16-19, 2017. For all available and interested persons in PNG - please contact Beatrice (+675 716 32210), Mitroy (+675 722 60 386) or myself by email.

International FASD Awareness Day

International FASD Awareness Day is our most important focus right now. September 9 is always FASD day and it is a day when WCTU can take a strong lead in telling women - NO ALCOHOL.

WCTU International Prayer Day September 28

Medical authorities recommend NO ALCOHOL during pregnancy or while trying to become pregnant. See attached for more information and ideas. <http://www.fasday.com>
Also see <http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/1816883/181c6ec2ff/572884377/fd48f5e43c/>
In the most recent White Ribbon Bulletin which is the WWCTU newsletter/magazine, <http://www.wwctu.org/wrb/201703.pdf>, Irja Eskelinen, 3rd Vice President, has written a devotional/sermon for **WWCTU International Prayer Day - September 28**. She says "If we want to truly help people, we have to put aside our own agenda and try to look into the heart, the inner world of that person and think about what he or she desires and needs. Jesus loved Martha and Martha loved Jesus, but by now realising what Jesus considered important, Martha interrupted His teaching with harsh and unfriendly words toward her sister. In this situation, Martha did not see the Jesus whose food was to do the will of His Father. (John 4:34) <http://www.wwctu.org/wrb/201703.pdf>

Prayers Pointers

- Noontime prayer for WCTU - every day
- World Convention in 2019 to be in Helsinki, Finland
- Encouragement for leaders of WCTU in every country

Dates to Remember

September 9 International FASD Awareness Day
September 28 WCTU World Day of Prayer
October 2 World No Alcohol Day

The work of WCTU can continue to be a blessing everywhere with people like you supporting, speaking up, writing, praying and loving.



and Mitroy

Joy Butler (2nd Vice President - World WCTU & Field Officer for Africa)

Mitroy Sapul (Field Officer - South Pacific Region)

Websites: www.wwctu.org www.drug-freeyouth.com

Facebook: WOW Unlimited; I'm Worth It - WCTU Teens