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Friends and Sisters

Happy New Year and may 2015 be a wonderful year for you, your family and WCTU in your country and community. My prayers are for you.

There is some good news to share with you as the new year begins:

In the Philippines

While visiting the **Philippines** over the year end, I was delighted to meet a young doctor at a university who wishes to be involved with WCTU. She is already teaching young people to **CHOOSE the best way** - CHOOSE to keep away from alcohol, CHOOSE not to smoke, CHOOSE to live a drug-free life etc. She has big posters all over the university promoting this. A great idea to copy.

In Kenya

In **Kenya** a **new WCTU Union** is about to start. The new group already works as a Counselling group teaching people how to avoid or get off drugs and alcohol. They want to expand their ministry. Please pray for this exciting venture.

In Papua New Guinea

A wonderful idea has emerged in Port Moresby, **Papua New Guinea**. A group of 3 Christian women have started and registered a **driving school for women**. They plan to incorporate WCTU into their company. What a powerful witness that will be. Please pray as we work together to make this happen.

World Special Days

Attached is a list of **special days** you may wish to use as springboards for promoting the temperance and WCTU message in your country. Please note the **BOLD** days - these are days that the WWCTU promotes.

Encouraging words

Finally - here is a powerful and encouraging message from the famous commentator - William Barclay - in his commentary on John 5:
"Amid persecution and disregard, in spite of smallness of numbers and poverty of influence, in the face of failure and disloyalty, the New Testament and the early Church never doubted the ultimate triumph of Christ. When we are tempted to despair we would do well to remember that the salvation of men is the purpose of God and that nothing, in the end, can frustrate His will. The evil will of man may delay God's purpose; it cannot defeat it."

Bless you each one - stand up, speak up, stay strong.

WCTU Motto - For God and Home and Every Land

Joy

Special Dates to Remember - for Africa and PNG WCTU 2015

March

- 8 United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace
- 22 World Water Day

April

- 7 World Health Day

May

- 15 International Day of Families
- 31 **World No-Tobacco Day**

June

- 26 **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**

August

- 12 International Youth Day

September

- 9 **International FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) Awareness Day**
- 28 **WWCTU Day of Prayer (Frances Willard's birthday)**

October

- 2 **World No Alcohol Day**
International day of Non-Violence

November

- 19 World Toilet Day
- 20 Universal Children's Day and Africa Industrialization Day
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women