

WCTU

Newsletter for Africa, Papua New Guinea, Pacific Islands

News from PNG

Serah Keliwin, an Education Director reports that 650 high school students met recently in Nagum, Sepik Province. Sixty-five students came forward to sign the pledge and commit to God's ways. Special prayer was offered for these fine young people.

Joy and Bob Butler spoke to 25 teens last Saturday afternoon at a campout beside the sea. They all signed the pledge and committed to the NO message when faced with temptation to try drugs, alcohol, tobacco and betel nut.

News from Africa

Elsie Masuku continues to grow WCTU in **Zimbabwe**. She is planning a camp for drug addicts who have dropped out of school. The friends of these youth are working closely with Elsie. She asks for prayer please for this event scheduled for July 6-8.

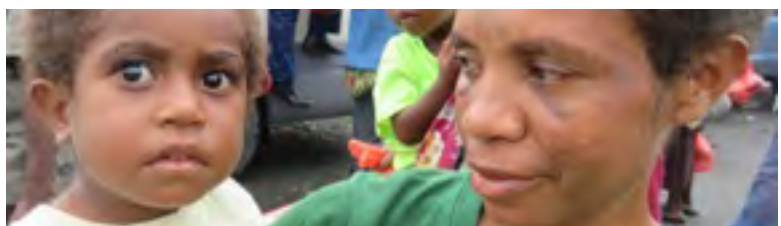
Florence Onsando and her team in **Kenya** continue to speak to 100s of women and youth almost every week. A women's breakfast is taking place soon to promote WCTU.



Today - June 26 - 2018 International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking

This is the day to focus on this awful topic. UNODC has provided some excellent materials and resources to help us share the message of LISTEN FIRST to our children. This matches perfectly with what WCTU has been teaching for so long. We must love, listen and then our children can learn the lessons we are teaching them about drugs, alcohol and tobacco - the DAT poisons. The drug abuse is so enormous in every country - we cannot afford to be silent. We must provide tools for our children to be able to say NO when temptation comes their way. Teach them that NO is such a small word, so simple yet so powerful when used properly.

Take a look : <https://www.unodc.org/listenfirst/> (UNODC-United Nations Office of Drugs and Trafficking)





Protect your Kids from Drug Abuse

One of the most effective deterrents against drug use among young people is a parent who is devoted to spending time with them. Someone who talks with them about their friends, what goes on at school, the sport they play and what interests them.

10 ways to encourage your kids to talk about drugs with you:

- 1 Be an active part of their lives
- 2 Listen to your kids - show you're willing to listen
- 3 Be a role model - if you do it, so they will they
- 4 Be honest with them - be prepared to say I don't know
- 5 Choose your moment - watch for opportunities to talk
- 6 Be calm and rational - don't over-react
- 7 Avoid conflict - try to see their point of view
- 8 Keep talking - start early
- 9 Set clear boundaries - make them clear and stick with them
- 10 Focus on positives - reward

(National Drugs Campaign - Australian Government, 2012)

Woman's Christian Temperance Union

Opioid Epidemic - Be Aware

"Opioids are a broad group of pain-relieving drugs that work by interacting with opioid receptors in your cells. Opioids can be made from the poppy plant — for example, morphine (Kadian, Ms Contin, others) — or synthesized in a laboratory — for example, fentanyl (Actiq, Duragesic, others).

When opioid medications travel through your blood and attach to opioid receptors in your brain cells, the cells release signals that muffle your perception of pain and boost your feelings of pleasure.' Mayo Clinic

The use of opioids has been abused and is literally killing 1,000s of people with overdoses in America and it is spreading around the world. You need to be aware of this horrible phenomena. It is costing America billions of dollars to try to help people. This has grown exponentially over the past 20 years or so until it is an epidemic and threatening our world everywhere. Please be aware.

This is why WCTU exists - to point out what is happening; to give good scientific facts from reliable sources; to provide tools for teaching; to boost and build leaders; to seek for God's guidance. This is why we need the Lord - we are in a battle that is much bigger than ourselves and what we can cope with, so our eyes must be fixed on God - the sustainer and life-giver of all. Read the story of Jehosaphat in 2 Chronicles 20:12. 'We don't know what to do but our eyes are upon you.'

Remember NOONTIDE PRAYER for WCTU everywhere

Pray for Elsie Masuku and her camp in Zimbabwe

Pray for WCTU world leaders

Pray for children in your home and street and church

Pray that WCTU will be effective everywhere

AUGUST 3-6, 2018 - PNG WCTU Convention at Port Moresby, PNG. Contact Beatrice - 716 322 10 or Mitroy 722 603 86

JULY 10-15, 2019 - WORLD WCTU Convention at Helsinki, Finland.

Joy and Mitroy

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Motto - For God and Home and Every Land