
WCTU

Message to Africa and Pacific Islands



As I type this letter to you I am mindful that the Covid-19 pandemic fills our news, our media, our societies and our minds. It touches people in our families and in our communities and some have died. I urge you to keep calm, keep focussing on Jesus and the hope we have in His coming again to make all things right. Spend time every day in His Word and in prayer. Keep speaking about temperance and urge people to find their peace and hope in Jesus, not in alcohol or drugs. Our minds are being drawn away from our purpose of teaching our children the dangers of the SAD (smoking alcohol drugs) poisons. Just make sure you tell the people in your area of influence, that these SAD poisons will ruin their lives and there is something much better - Jesus Christ and His love. It is a time for Christians to rise up with hope and a message of peace. It is a time for prayer and for trusting in God.

This picture shows PNG women who are committed to the message of temperance. They believe they can help make a difference and speak wherever they can about the SAD poisons - Say NO to Smoking, Alcohol, Drugs.

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

God bless you as you submit to Him and trust in Him alone.

FROM - JOY BUTLER

We need more news from you. To share news with each other is very encouraging. What are you doing in your country to make a difference, to share the temperance message?

Some dates to remember

August 18 - Never Give Up Day

August 26 - End it Now Day - enditnow.org

September 9 - FAS Day - Foetal Alcohol Syndrome

September 28 - World WCTU Day of Prayer - Frances Willard's birthday

If you need more information about these special days please email me.

SOME NEWS

Kenya - Florence, WCTU leader, has visited seven high schools during June, giving guidance, counselling, mental health and drug abuse lectures. The response at the churches she has spoken at has been 'overwhelming'. WCTU is collaborating now with St Johns Ambulance and Alcoholics Anonymous.

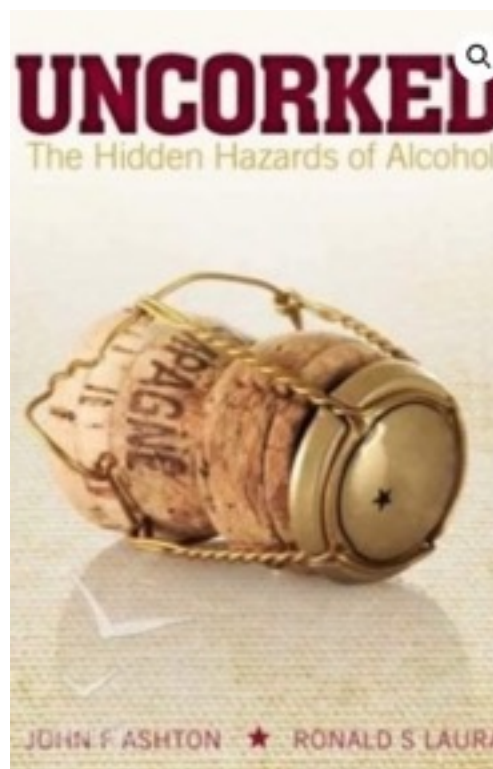
From WHO - *'The African Region is faced with a growing burden of harmful alcohol consumption and its disastrous effects. There is no other consumer product as widely available as alcohol that accounts for as much premature death and disability. There are two main characteristics that describe alcohol consumption patterns in the Region: a high level of alcohol abstention in some countries and high volume consumption with severe health and social consequences in others.'* The question is - which country describes your country in Africa? I urge you to encourage abstention.

FASD - Foetal Alcohol Syndrome - some facts:

"The foetus can be affected regardless of the amount/frequency of alcohol consumed by the mother. Each year 630,000 babies with FAS are born globally. The average life expectancy of people with FAS is 34 years of age, with external causes accounting for 44% of all deaths....Not only will (alcohol) lead to various physical defects including brain malformations but mental issues, and neurological problems....Foetal Alcohol Syndrome is 100% preventable!" Sarah Soyeon Oh, World Education Officer and recent PhD graduate from Yonsei University in South Korea.

Health is not everything but without health everything is nothing.

FINALLY - message from the World President, Margaret Ostenstad and Reverend irja Eskelinen, Finland - *'God of Light' the Psalmist wrote, 'though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me. Thank you for walking with me through every valley I endured. I pray as I tread through this current valley, that You would once again be my Light in the darkness. Thank you that your presence is a constant source of encouragement. Amen.'* PRAY AT NOON EVERY DAY FOR WCTU



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