

Home Protection Department
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The Purpose of the Home Protection Department is to strengthen Christian family values, to encourage family members to help toddlers and pre-schoolers to develop a life-time commitment to total abstinence through the W.C.T.U. program and to promote non-alcoholic drinks for entertaining. Below are the suggestions to fulfil this purpose –

- (1) **Recruit Little White Ribboners (birth to 6 years of age)** whose parents or grandparent pledge to teach the child the values of total abstinence.

- (2) Conduct a **contest to promote alcohol free drinks.**

- (3) **Distribute recipes for non-alcoholic drinks** promote their use for parties and special occasions.

- (4) Hold cooking seminars to **promote cooking without the use of alcohol.**

- (5) Distribute information about the **harm of gambling and pornography.**

- (6) **Point out the simple genuine blessings of life.** Many parents and children have noticed during this challenging Covid time that "this new life" when they are together in the house or apartment more and spend time together. The child's talents, smaller and bigger ideas are noticed and appreciated; it is always a new way into something better and happier.

You have a huge possibility to discuss all the important things children can face in their lives. As an organization we want to be with all kind of families helping them to find responsible ways concerning our environment, area, country and people near and far away. But

above all **we want to be God's ambassadors as individuals and as an organization:**" For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing." (Second corinthians.2:15)

(7) Visit female prisoners with children. We found that music therapy is very effective and opens doors through this start we have been able to motivate the female prisoners to fantastic knitting projects. They are knitting socks and caps for babies and sending them to hospital's maternity ward. Our W.C.T.U. unit is providing knitting materials. We taught them a valuable lesson it's better to give than to receive (Acts 20:35) these ladies are learning about bible and giving and their lives are changing. Parents can be a huge blessing to their children.

(8) Involve like-minded organizations for the betterment of family and society. "Operation Mobilization" is one of our partner as the Bible says two are better than one.

(9) The families and its members are facing many challenges.

Sexually related things like nakedness, gender ideology, polyamory, unfaithfulness, net pornography, clothes, brands etc. The gender ideology teaching is very powerful in the modern world now. The so-called great freedom brings mental health problems. How can we advance and help. I suppose in many countries according to their resources, churches, workers with youngsters we have different methods and ideas. We may arrange lectures and discussions telling them the fact. A good Christian singer can be very useful in delivering temperance message youngsters have respect for them we can have a concert and can influence them. We can arrange lectures at schools if possible. The most stupid sexual deeds a youngster often repents later are due to alcohol or drugs. The lectures on alcohol, drugs and smoking could include this big sexual challenge and warning about the wrong examples in the net as well. Parents have often great problems how to discuss these things in wise and loving ways. We are happy we can go to some schools and can have a lecturer for them telling the youngsters about the dangers of the drugs.

If possible special evenings for parents would be important as well concerning these problems.

(10) There are many types of addictions for family and children at large. Gambling, mobiles phones, playing in the net, pornography etc. If the money is within the picture, it causes big suffering to the whole family, the person himself and the other family members. It may be a father, a mother, a brother, a sister.

Maha Asham is arranging lectures in a church in Cairo concerning different types of addictions. The first lecture got 11,000 followers in the net. She is a professional Medical Doctor and capable of lecturing on these themes. She was especially happy many young boys came to church and wanted to serve with the message of temperance and the knowledge about addictions. I translated her lecture and a Christian Psychiatrist's lecture for our Finnish White Ribbon bulletin. Irja brought 50 copies to prison. All the prisoners eagerly wanted to take the bulletin. Many have addiction problems. In Helsinki, the White Ribbon Organisation has professional therapists who serve families in their challenges. Professionals help many, many families. It is very important work. We had a lecturer speaking about youngsters' excesses playing in the net and many are addicted.

If the members have resources, they can have home clubs, theme evenings for families or children. God gives different wonderful ideas and ways. But most of all we can always be good examples. We are humble, loving and caring among all the people of this world
Romans 12:2 DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT GOD'S WILL IS, HIS GOOD, PLEASING AND PERFECT WILL.

(11) Home is influenced by the environment and events of the society, poverty, pollution, wars; natural disasters also post pandemic situation has greatly affected our families, mindset, and daily routine. According to the Bible we are facing very hard times in the world. We must be prepared: Not in fear, but in love and patience. I like the story of the GOOD SAMARITAN in Luke. He stopped to help the traveller, who was lying by the roadside after the

robbers had attacked and stripped him. The GOOD SAMARITAN parable is the answer to who our neighbour is, when the expert in law was testing Jesus. Every human being is our neighbour, the dear-one and near-one. Many children cannot go to school in some countries. Education is expensive in some countries so we can support girls to have an education. When women have education, it changes the country a lot. We learn as well, when we are following that young child's life.

(12) All of us in the world must have respect for our environment, be sensible, use local products, eat healthy food, spend a normal simple life. God so much loves us that every country has its healthy ingredients, fruit, vegetables, berries, something healthy to eat. We have the lecturer lecturing on this subject. It all starts at home. We offer healthy juices, fruit, and berries and sing songs showing thanks to God for our nature and its products. At the same time, we see that we do not need drugs and alcohol. We have more than enough to be happy without them.

Every country is different, every local union is different. But in this world with pollutions, wars, environmental problems, and poverty and so on I am sure all of us can find something that serves God's Kingdom and to ensure that God is in control of everything.

(13) Make a strong family unit to do things together involving the whole family. For a strong family the key is the unity in families. You are not just sitting and listening at church or home too. I see that there are more and more activities people are starting to have together, in families, helping the poor, helping the refugees, collecting financial help. If you have no unity, the doctrines and good advice are not always effective.

Plant trees, play sport together, knit socks for the old people and refugees, encourage the youngsters to have good hobbies, be open to discussions. We see the wholeness and the challenges of this complicated life come in open view. God has given us wisdom. Every day and every contact is an important possibility.

(14) We need to reorganize our work in the post Covid situation. We have a project in the Eastern Finland for **helping mothers who are struggling with alcohol in order to be good mothers to their babies** and get rid of the addictions. Professional aid, lectures, being together in cosy ways, peer to peer support, coming together regularly is what these mothers appreciate. The local White Ribboners serve and love the mother-baby group in many ways.

(15) If possible, the good **White Ribbon Bulletin** is an excellent tool to share with interested people.

It is very important that the atmosphere, eagerness, love and support prevails in our unions. When you are loved and you get support, your ideas flourish. I am very thankful for our members and leaders all over the world to continue this noble work. It gives strength, joy, and the direction to go in the right direction.

But the most important thing when we are working in this sector, serving families, youngsters, elderly people, marginalized people, all our near ones is that we understand that all the countries in these difficult times need God. Many people have rejected the faith. Even the knowledge of Christianity is getting worse. Christians are the most persecuted population in the world. Our local chapter supported a lady financially, who wanted to study in order to become a good Bible and Christianity teacher and worker especially with children.

TO BE NEAR GOD IS MY HAPPINESS. If we are near God, the Holy Spirit guides with smaller and bigger ideas how we are building and developing our work in every different country. **FOR THE BEST OF OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNGSTERS!**

May our families be protected from Satan's attacks and pressure of this world for God Home and Humanity of this World our temperance work triumph.

God bless your effort in Him which is never in vain.