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*Sarah F. Ward*



Dear White Ribbon Sister,

You will read many uplifting and encouraging reports

In this issue of the *Bulletin*. We are grateful for the work each member is faithfully performing. To God be the glory.

Pictured on the front cover are **water wells** recently dug in Kenya, Africa. Kansas and Pennsylvania (USA) WCTUs paid for two wells and at least one more will be paid for by other states who are contributing to this **world project**. I recently learned that Canada WCTU is paying for a well in another country.

The following statements refer to the importance of providing water to those in need, and from our viewpoint, to help decrease the use of alcohol as a substitute beverage. "While nothing may be simpler than a drink of water, there is nothing more exciting for those who have lived without water. Water is the first catalyst for community transformation. It really is the first step to breaking the cycle of extreme poverty. The lack of clean water is the leading cause of death and disease around the world" Providing water "eliminates a labor-intensive chore and overcomes a burden that would forever prevent people from breaking out of poverty." (Generosity Water - AFA Journal)

There were errors in the Convention registration form (page 12) in the last issue. Please use the **information on page 12 of this issue**. We have worked diligently to reduce the cost and required registration deadline. We are excited to hear of plans to attend the Convention from many different geographical areas. Please pray for this endeavor.

There are several upcoming events that give us opportunities to share the facts about alcohol and other drugs and acquaint people with our organization.

**September 9** is **International FASD** (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) **Awareness Day**. Many still need the message — the only safe choice for a pregnant woman is to totally abstain from alcohol throughout her entire pregnancy! This is the only way she can be sure of not having a child with FASD. The observance began many years ago with the ringing of bells at 9:09 to sound the alarm. It is important that you use news media before that day to announce what you are going to do.

**September 28** (Frances Willard's birthday) is our **WCTU World Day of Prayer**. This is a special time to praise God for all His blessings and to seek His guidance for our future efforts.

**October 2** is **World No Alcohol Day**. This is another opportunity to inform the public of the problems caused by alcohol and to encourage abstinence as a wise lifestyle choice.



**Sarah F. Ward**

## **MANY MEMBERS, ONE ORGANIZATION**

*Each one of us has a body with many parts, and these parts all have different uses.* Romans 12:4 New Century Version

Even though this passage of Scripture refers to the members of God's church, it is applicable to the members of a Christian organization. God has entrusted gifts, abilities, skills to each of us. Hopefully we have identified at least some of them and have looked for opportunities to develop and use them, remembering always to give thanks to God. Please do not say you have no talents because God has gifted you. It is vital for us to be good stewards of His gifts.

Perhaps you have failed to recognize gifts you have but others may have commented about them. For instance, you may be an encourager. That is a wonderful gift, needed by all of us. Perhaps an individual has mentored you and now you, in turn, are able to mentor another. Someone may have shared an effective way to accomplish a task and you have learned how to do it. That is a gift.

Sometimes it is easy to look around and wish we had some other gift or even are envious of another's abilities but we need to recognize that God has given us what is best for us. To make our organization effective, we each need to give what we have as well as not try to do things for which we lack ability. Sometimes certain abilities may seem more important than others but that is not true. Each skill is valuable and needed or God would not have gifted us.

Even though some parts of our body do not get much attention, they are vital to our health and life. The same is true of the abilities needed to make an organization effective. God's Word teaches the interdependence of the members which reminds us of our earlier slogan about team -

Together  
Everyone  
Achieves  
More.

Please make our WCTU Team strong by adding your God-given talents to our efforts on the local, national, and world levels.



## **3rd Vice President**

*Dr. Dora Judith Coloma de Barrientos*

### **Violence Against Women**

A woman came to me for a medical consultation in February. I observed that she was agitated and frightened. On examination I noticed bruises on her arms. When I wrote her medical history, the patient said that she was beaten constantly by her husband. Fifteen minutes later, a man flew violently through the office without notice, asking the patient about her delay since she was just going to deliver their children to daycare. He tried to take her by force. At that moment I reminded him that she had legal rights, and that such violence is punishable by law. Immediate support was given to this woman so that she was able to formally make a complaint. From that day on she reports that he has not attacked her again.

The World Health Organization claims that violence against women is a public health problem that affects the entire world, and is a violation of human rights. The global statistics of women being murdered is alarming. In Guatemala during the months of January to June 2012, the National Institute of Forensic Sciences (INACIF) reported that 377 women were killed, of those 65.25% were shot; 22.54% were strangled; 10.87% were stabbed; and 1.32% were totally dismembered.

Among the risk factors that have led to these acts of violence, are the low educational level, exposure to childhood abuse and domestic violence, drug abuse, attitudes of acceptance of violence, gender inequality, being a victim of dating violence and of sexual abuse, among others.

To reduce these high rates of violence against women, it is necessary to implement education strategies for prevention of relationship violence among youth, prevention of dating violence through school programs, micro-financing (giving small amounts of money) for women combined with training in gender equality, provision of human rights education, provision of community initiatives aimed at improving communication and interpersonal relations skills, and promotion of a lifestyle free of addictions.

It is time that we become aware of the prevalence of violence. It is not a private problem that happens to other women behind the walls of their homes. It is a problem that concerns us as members of society and as witnesses to the pain of others.

We are created in the image and likeness of God and that is why we are all urged to join efforts to continue working to alleviate the suffering of these women victims of violence.



## Organization Secretary

*Margaret Ostenstad*

Please E-mail me articles and jpg photos about your work to [wwctu.most@c2i.net](mailto:wwctu.most@c2i.net)

Since the WCTU World Day of Prayer is on 28th September (Frances Willard's birthday), I am sharing with you news from around the world where, in addition to temperance work, the focus is on sharing the Gospel. This makes our organization truly a "mission field." Many more workers are needed.

I received this **letter from Dr. Dora Coloma de Barrientos** with the greeting: "Wishing you blessings for the International Women's Day."

We greet you with Proverb 31:30b "A woman who fears the LORD is to be praised." Today was very special; we celebrated by sharing the Word of God with three young people who attend my church weekly. They have so much need and God has been working in their lives.

In the morning we celebrated with women at the school and in the afternoon with the women who study in the academy. We then had a skit on the mistreatment of women, the purpose of which was to show the importance of giving our burdens to God, and to learn how valuable women are in the eyes of God. Finally a woman shared her testimony about how God touched her life through these spiritual activities.



**Dr. Jung Joo Kim** sent the following news. When students at Yonsei Christian University in Korea gathered on campus for the holidays and Easter worship, they also used the occasion to promote the message of abstinence by distributing 500 brochures before and after the worship service. (continued on the next page)

The founder of the university, Dr. Horace Grant Underwood, came to Korea on Easter Sunday in 1885. Since then, the Christians at Yonsei University, have combined the celebration of Jesus Christ's crucifixion and resurrection with gratitude for the fact that Dr. Underwood was sent as the first Protestant missionary to Korea with the message of Jesus Christ. The service is held in front of the statue of the Founder.

In John 11:40 Jesus says, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you shall see the glory of God?"



### News from Dr. Sheela Lall

We are having our local VBS with 500-600 children and youth plus 200 church volunteers. This is a great time for us to talk about temperance. Our theme this year is – "Be a witness for Christ" with the theme verse "I can do everything in Christ who gives me strength."

The lessons are based on the book of Ephesians and we are teaching how you can witness your victorious life in Christ. Our temperance lifestyle becomes the focus and the only way to witness our faith effectively. Praise God that He gives us so many opportunities to be used as ambassadors of temperance work.





## Christian Outreach

*Pastor Irja Eskelinen*

Dear White Ribbon Sisters!

As I am writing this, here in Finland our summer is at its most beautiful and we are going to take a few weeks off from our White Ribbon work to gather energy for the coming fall. I hope all of you around the world have been able to do your work in safety and in God's care.

This year we White Ribboners have shared thoughts about every person at their designated place. It is our goal to have a duty for each one that matches the person's resources and capabilities. In many countries, White Ribbon responsible positions are held by ladies in their senior years. It is good to have these experienced ladies who have a vision and a strong trust in God to lead our work. With many lived years and experiences, one can understand the importance of the next generation to our work. I cherish our White Ribbon sisters who welcome their younger counterparts with open arms to all activities and are eager to hear their ideas and thoughts.

In White Ribbon work, at least here in Finland, we encounter many elderly people with a substance abuse problem. Their situation is especially burdensome. A White Ribbon sister from the same era is the best support in these situations. We all have skills, gifts, and life experiences. What kind of care, nurture and support can we provide to these people in need of our gifts? How will I want to be when I am a senior White Ribbon sister?

Lord of Life, yours is the time that you give us.

I am grateful for the gift of life, even when it goes unnoticed.

Today I bring before you the White Ribbon generations past.

Their courageous example has enabled our work today.

They remind me of my mother's safe arms, ready to embrace me even when I failed.

White Ribbon work has given us a lot and required just as much.

Give us courage with your light.

We cherish the many generations before us.

We thank you, Lord of Life.



*"It is always noontime somewhere.  
And across the awakening continents  
From shore to shore, somewhere,  
Our prayers are rising evermore."*



## Education Director

*Dawn Giddings*

During recent times we have been considering drugs and their adverse effect upon the individual as well as the ongoing effect this has on the family and the community at large. We have also looked at some simple ways that we can share this knowledge with others by teaching them the benefits of a drug-free lifestyle. I do hope that you have already put some of these ideas to the test. Often the individual approach, working one on one, can be a positive experience.

Here are just a few simple suggestions that one member can undertake as a personal project.

**LITERATURE** - Always carry with you a small pack of literature on drugs, work of the WCTU, membership forms, etc. These can be handed out when the opportunity arises. Also they can be left in waiting rooms, on buses or at bus stops, etc.

- If your country has a national magazine, you may be allowed to place it in public libraries. My local library also allows for a display to promote World FASD Awareness Day.
- Take WCTU publications to church and give to potential members. This can create interest in our work and at times may result in new members.
- Look for other avenues such as Kids Clubs and Youth Groups who will be happy to accept appropriate literature. You may also seek permission to present a drug education programme.

Here are projects which a Union can use to make contact with the public.

**SHOWS / FAIRS** If you have local shows or fairs, why not have a Literature/Fruit Juice stand? Again, educational material as well as WCTU information, membership forms, contest material, and fruit juice recipes can be offered. Fruit juice can also be made and sold.

- Invite the public to a special morning tea. Have a guest speaker talk on a relevant topic.

Whether we are a union with just a few members or a much larger group it is important that we accept the challenge to make known the message of the WCTU. Backed by prayer and in God's power we can be used to turn lives around.



## Children's Director

Glenda Amos

### Utilising Resources

At the end of 2011, a 15-month program was put together for use in children's ministry in our WCTU programs: 2012 program kit – children's department.

The title of the resource is "I am a Temple!" It is available for download from our websites at <http://www.drug-freekids.com/pages/activities.html#1201> or from <http://www.wctu.com/pages/resources.html> (choose under Program Kits – Children)

There are three main units with activities in various topics under these main units.

1. My Body Temple -
  - a. I am a Temple
  - b. My Heart
  - c. My Mind
  - d. My Strength
2. Guarding the Gateways –
  - a. Our Senses
  - b. Sight
  - c. Smell
  - d. Hearing
  - e. Touch
  - f. Taste
3. Maintaining the Temple –
  - a. Clean Air
  - b. Clean Blood
  - c. Water
  - d. Sunshine
  - e. Rest

There is a wide range of activities to choose from and some interesting facts regarding our bodies. Memory verses are included to assist in helping the children to understand the spiritual significance of why we should care for the body temple that God has given us.

Don't neglect to use the resources that have been made available. You could use the material in children's meetings or even in your own home with your children, neighbourhood friends, or grandchildren. Enjoy the fun of making a skeleton together and joining all the bones as you sing about "dem dry bones." Experiment with the senses or make an origami cup to drink water from.

Remember that our children are important and we can be an influence for good in their lives as they build a strong foundation for the future. Encourage our children to sign the pledge to abstain from alcohol and other drugs and assist them to honour that promise in their daily living.



*Dr. Kyung Il Park, Field Worker for Asia*

Greetings to all of you, my White Ribbon sisters,

I bring you greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who strengthens and directs us. I give thanks to God, who has called me to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit, the temperance movement, leading me by His Spirit of wisdom and giving me many opportunities to witness to many lost souls about the Gospel.

I have prayed to witness the Gospel to young people and to share the temperance movement. As a result, God has guided me to Christian student leaders meetings (LDI: Leadership Development Institution) at Ewha Woman's University. Leaders of LDI devote their lives to mission work at Ewha Woman's University and train leaders to make disciples. I gave a lecture about FAS in relation to the drinking problem in universities and we prayed for the college students with drinking problems in Korea.

I work closely with KWCTU members. We realize and take responsibility for all social corruption as our problems. These include prostitution, drug addiction, excessive drinking and smoking, crimes, and broken homes. Many Asian countries suffer from these problems.

We have prayed that the Lord will bless Christian women in China to renew their glorious work of WCTU which occurred before the communists took over. This year one of my faithful students from China was trained in one-to-one Bible study with other graduate students from China. Several students from North Korea at EWU were invited to a worship service at my house and were introduced to the Gospel during their first semester this year. We have been praying for several years about the Korean drinking culture especially among youth and college students.

KWCTU financially supported the development of a Korean website which educates elementary, middle, and high school teachers on the prohibition of smoking and drinking during 2011. I was so happy to join the development of this program and participated by giving on-line lectures. God helped us find several good teachers to add to the program as coordinators or lecturers. From the beginning of this year, teachers in Korea have started to study teaching methods to advocate prohibition of smoking and drinking to their students through internet.

I am translating "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome: A guide for Families and Communities" (2006) by Ann Streissguth into Korean with my colleagues. Please pray for me to be able finish it by the end of this year. I hope that this version will be useful for research of FAS in Korea and for the families of FAS children.

In closing, I would like to give thanks to God for all His good works. It is really appreciated.

# WWCTU - 39th World Convention - May 3-8. 2013

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