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THE BIRTH OF *Christ*

When a child is born

Johnny Mathis

A ray of hope flickers in the sky
A tiny star lights up way up high
All across the land, dawns a brand new morn
This comes to pass when a child is born

A silent wish sails the seven seas
The winds of change whisper in the trees
And the walls of doubt crumble, tossed and torn
This comes to pass when a child is born

A rosy hue settles all around
You've got the feel you're on solid ground
For a spell or two, no one seems forlorn
This comes to pass when a child is born

Dialog:

And all of this happens because the world is waiting,
Waiting for one child
Black, white, yellow, no one knows
But a child that will grow up and turn tears to laughter,
Hate to love, war to peace and everyone to everyone's neighbor
And misery and suffering will be words to be forgotten, forever

It's all a dream, an illusion now
It must come true, sometime soon somehow
All across the land, dawns a brand new morn
This comes to pass when a child is born

Dear all,

A wonderful thing about our organization is that we know that each individual is important and that together we weave a pattern where the dark threads of problems are just as important as the golden sheen of success. In order for God to bless our endeavours, we need to practice Jesus' words – "Love one another." Find a kind way to express your opinion and, as far as possible, give praise before words of criticism. You will be amazed with the results.



God's love does not discriminate between people.

Again, I say Jesus says love each other! Love your enemies. Remember forgiveness does not change the past, but it does change the future! Do good to those who hate you. Pray for those who persecute you. Be good Samaritans wherever you go.

True love can lift people up. It can give rootless refugees self-respect back. Neglected children can get on a better track.

Desperate people can take on new courage. People suffering from addiction of alcohol and other drugs can get help with a new life course. Elderly lonely people can have a sad everyday life turned upside down. Love can encourage depressed teenage girls to realize their resources. Love evokes positive thoughts about one's own dignity and self-respect.

As Christmas approaches, encourage the use of alcohol-free beverages. Hundreds of thousands of children live in homes where there is at least one parent/care-giver with an addiction problem. These children are particularly vulnerable during the Christmas season. Liquor sales double and triple and the Covid-19 virus also had an adverse effect on people's drinking habits. Research shows that children are affected whenever the adults drink, even in moderation. Children want adults to be present and the presence of alcohol and other drugs takes that away from them. In Norway, a slogan widely advertised is "Children are our greatest resource! Let the holidays be drug-free!" Perhaps this is an idea for use in your country, too.

Praying you sense the love of JESUS and His nearness to you this Christmas and always!

Blessings, love and prayers,

Margaret Ostenstad

World President



What is happening in your country?



Alcohol and Drugs

Actis - Norwegian Policy Network on Alcohol and Drugs is a Norwegian umbrella organization for NGOs in the alcohol and drug field. We represent 34 different organizations that work to reduce harm caused by alcohol, drugs and gambling.

Our member organizations work in the field of alcohol and drug policy, prevention, treatment and follow-up of people who have or have had an addiction problem. Many run programs for families and relatives.

Actis' role is to advocate for alcohol-, drug- and gambling policies that protect the health and well-being of individuals and communities. We work on behalf of our member organizations. Our goal is to provide information, analysis and knowledge about alcohol, drug and gambling policies to decision-makers and the media.

Actis was launched February 1st 2003. The initiative came from organizations formerly known as Avholdsfolket Landsråd. Today Actis consists of many different organizations, some with connections to the abstinence movement, others not. Actis is itself not an abstinence organization. Actis as an umbrella is politically unaffiliated and religiously neutral.

Our head office is in Oslo, Norway. We also have offices in Brussels to keep up to date on EU alcohol and drug policy.

Actis is a member of Eurocare - the European Alcohol Policy Alliance, Eurad – a drug policy network for prevention, treatment and rehabilitation as well as NordAN – the Nordic Alcohol and Drug Policy Network.



Emy Barrientos
World Youth Director

BREAKING DOWN BORDERS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

We were very inspired by the WWCTU convention in Finland in 2019! It challenged us to be part of the change, to know that with a grain of sand we can generate important changes for our country, our continent, our organization and therefore for the entire world.

However, staying in different parts of the world we have to eliminate the barriers among us of real-time simultaneous, zones, languages, and others.

As the WWCTU Youth Department, we seek to break down barriers so that everyone can hear the message promoting a lifestyle free of drugs, that the WWCTU seeks to continue giving, so we believe it is important to be present on social networks.

Since 2019, the Youth Department began strength and interact with people around the world on social networks, considering that more than 3,000 million people in the world use social networks (a number increases every day).

We use the Facebook and Instagram platforms to communicate with people who are related to our mission and vision, who are interested in spreading the message and invite them to be part of our organization.

As part of the WWCTU Youth Department, I am confident that God's plans are good, pleasant, and perfect. May God guide us to continue being the light that he wishes to see in this world.

"See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind." Isaiah 65:17-25



Noontide prayer

Around the world, someone is always praying

Asia's First-ever Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) Prevention Center to Open in Seoul!



Space for Asia's first-ever FAS Center

The Korea Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be collaborating with Ewha Womans University Mokdong Hospital in Seoul, South Korea to create Asia's first-ever Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Center. The Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Center will have three teams focusing on **Diagnosis, Research, and Education**.

The **Diagnosis Team** will be responsible for creating a monitoring system that helps with prevention and early diagnosis of FASDs. A

team of doctors at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, led by Professor Young Ju Kim, will be executing this.

The **Research Team** will be responsible for researching and publishing the latest, scientific articles on FAS and FASDs. Research will range from surveys, to animal tests and big data analyses.

The **Education Team** will be responsible for creating and disseminating educational material regarding FAS and FASDs to people in the community.

On November 19th 2020, the Korea Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be hosting an opening ceremony for the center. The president of Ewha Woman's University, and CEOs of Ewha Woman's University's Mokdong Hospital and Seoul Hospital, as well as professors and medical staff of the institute will be attending the ceremony.

Feel free to watch the ceremony in real-time as we will be filming the event on Youtube Live. Our Youtube channel link is as follows: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvICbayyOXsprDRYI2Z89XA>



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Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Center

PROGRAM

태아 알코올 증후군 예방 연구소 개소식 및 책 출판 기념식



2020.11.19 (목)


태아 알코올 증후군 예방 연구소
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Center


연세대학교 의료원


PROGRAM

- 출 취하지 않음
이는 병당한 것이니 오직 정영적 출판함을 받으라.

- 특별석좌주 연설 -


행사	10:00-10:15	개회사	김영주 초빙
안내	10:15-10:20	전송기 오신환환상 상	이철문 선도시
	10:20-10:35	기도 및 성경 봉독	장문희 교목/영역 담당
	10:35-10:45	찬양 인도	최정영 찬양
	10:45-11:00	축사	김영주 초빙
		축사	부경희 의료장관
		축사	김영주 회장
		개회사	전수영 교수
	11:00-11:10	발탁식	
	11:10-11:20	영양사 및 기념품행 (비중 2023)	
	11:20-12:50	LUNCH BREAK (1시간 대회식일)	
	12:00-12:15	PART I. FAS 예방 및 선지 소개	김영주 교수
	12:15-12:30	PART II. FAS의 예방 정책	박연철 교수
	12:30-12:45	PART III. FAS의 동물 실험	김정호 박사
	12:45-13:00	PART IV. 태아 알코올 스탁트럼 예방	한정철 교수
	13:00-	영양행	김영주 초빙

비대면 참석을 환영합니다 (실시간 방송)
www.youtube.com/channel/UCvC0JapyCkzPDIYU2B8XAA?live URL


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Invitations (in Korean) to the Welcoming Ceremony on November 19th

Contact Us




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Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Center
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MEMORIAL CENTER

[IOM's Diagnostic Criteria for FAS]

Component	Score
1. Height <10%	1
2. Weight <10%	2
3. Head circumference of newborn <10%	3
4. Occipital circumference <10%	3
5. Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder	1
6. Fine motor dysfunction	1
7. Microdontia/hypodontia	2
8. "Rubbed stick" ears	1
9. Stomatonia	1
10. Ptosis	2
11. Epicanthic folds (downward)	1
12. Flat nasal bridge	1
13. Anomalous ears	2
14. Long philtrum	2
15. Thin vermillion border of upper lip	3
16. Prognathism cardiac murmur	0
17. Cardiac malformation (conducted)	1
18. Hypertrophic esoph	0
19. Distorted paranasal/respiration of elbow	2
20. Clonality of ribs fingers	1
21. Camptodactyly	1
22. "Whitey stick" palmar creases	1
23. Hirsutism	1


(Scoring System)
If fractional alcohol exposure has been confirmed, add all scores from each component to calculate total score.

(Diagnostic Criteria) (Bremner et al., 2010)
Score of 10 or above: Indicative of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)
10 to 16: Indicative of Partial FAS (PFAS)
7-9: Indicative of Alcohol-related Brain Damage (ARBD)


(Source) Institute of Medicine (IOM) Diagnostic Criteria

FAS

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome



A Guide for Families and Communities


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Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Center

Brochure on FAS (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome) that will be handed out to the audience at the ceremony



Anne Bergen
Organization Secretary

It has been a very different and often stressful year for us all due to COVID-19, but WCTU women are resilient and have found ways to spread our message. On these pages I have reported of excellent work from USA, African, and Pacific nations.

Lighting the Way in the US

As the reports are being compiled for the WCTU in the US, we are keenly aware of our members' dedication to Frances Willard's 'Do Everything' policy. In spite of the pandemic, members completed important projects and spent more time in prayer and Bible reading.

- Education: Despite the closing of schools in March, over 5,000 students were able to participate in the coloring, poster and essay contests.
- Churches were supplied with materials during Youth Temperance Education Week in April.
- Legislation: Our members have been diligent in their patriotic duties, writing letters to the editors of newspapers, signing petitions and 100% of our states reported praying for our elected officials.
- Projects: This department allowed the opportunity to 'think outside the box' as we navigated the pandemic. The "essential workers" were remembered with donations of juice and coffee, bottled water, hygiene supplies were donated to women's shelters and veterans were remembered with cards of 'thanks' for their service. Two unique projects that stood out were providing jump ropes and temperance lessons to children in Kenya. One small local union enjoyed a 'Thanksgiving Luncheon' together and members "shop" for animals, chickens, medical supplies, water wells and mosquito nets through World Vision, Heifer International and Save the Children. The amount was astonishingly over \$3800.

God has been good to the WCTU in the US. We have carried out the theme of ***Lighting the Way***. We are letting our 'light' shine in this very dark part of the world.

President: Merry Lee Powell

In Fiji, Marica Tokelau has been **awarded a medal of honour** at the 50th celebration of Fiji's Independence for her community work, and works of love. Marica is fully involved with WCTU as part of her community ministry and has been so for many years. She has attended Pacific, Australian and World WCTU Conventions. Congratulations to Marica.

Papua New Guinea

- In **Port Moresby, Beatrice Kemo** and colleagues are now speaking on 2 radio stations and small groups are taking place with WCTU instruction.

- **Mitroy Sapul** has been taking the WCTU message to Sabana, Korobosea and Kilmahuru suburbs. She emphasises 'More Prayer - More Power.'

- **Betty Francis** teaches in a private school in **Mt Hagen** where she is speaking about the DAT poisons - drugs, alcohol, tobacco - and students are signing the pledge.



Students in Burundi

In Burundi, Africa, Cornalie Manirampa has conducted a holiday youth outreach programme and spoken about drugs and their negative consequences.

In Nairobi, Kenya, Florence Onsando, together with Douglas and Pastor John Macharia continue the ministry to drug addicts at the WCTU Turning Point Solution Rehabilitation Centre. Pray for their

ongoing work that many will come to know Jesus and find freedom from these addictions and poisons.

Mrs. Mikyung Lee, Missionary to Tanzania sent a report of the temperance work in Tanzania. The picture shows the street boys the mission is taking care of. They learnt how to grow rice and harvested over 31 big bags for their food. Tanzania WCTU held a temperance seminar at an Islam high school called Emnazi with a big temperance union banner on the platform behind the speaker with a presentation of the Gospel and a message on the harms of alcohol and drugs.



GUATEMALA NEEDS YOU TODAY MORE THAN EVER!

Hurricane Eta hit Guatemala very hard on Thursday, November 5, 2020, it was called “the worst storm in decades”.

The heavy torrential rains have caused flooding and landslides, causing extensive damage to property and lives. In Guatemala, the authorities estimate that there are more than 100 victims between dead and missing in the first week.

The destructive passage of Hurricane Eta and the landslides caused by subsequent storms have caused deaths, disappearances, left unimmunized communities and have buried entire houses in the interior of Guatemala.

According to the latest update on damage to crops derived from the passage of tropical depression Eta, there would be 118,057 families affected to date, representing 58,560.20 hectares damaged. It is important to mention that agriculture contributes 23% of GDP and constitutes 75% of exports.

Our economy has been hit hard by COVID-19 and is further weakened by these events.

We have not yet been able to recover from the ETA storm and are hours away from being hit by Hurricane IOTA.

How can you help us?

1. Join us in fasting and prayer.
2. Pray for us, for Guatemala, for our continent and the entire world.
3. Pray for our authorities, for hope, for the present, for the future and that God helps us to see his purpose in our lives in these hard times.
4. Pray and if God puts it in your heart to donate, you can contact us. Your help represents hope for a future for families in need.

“and said to Moses, “The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done.””

Exodus 36:5

How will the donation be used?

We will make bags with basic grains in order to provide food to low-income communities in the interior of the Republic of Guatemala that have lost everything.

From now on we thank you for all the support you can give us, we pray that God will multiply every effort you make for us. Please check the photos below.

God bless you.





Hannah Oh
World Youth Director

I'm sharing with you some very recent updates from the Tanzania branch by Missionary Mi Kyung Lee, who is working hard to save youths from the streets and lead them towards a life in Christ. She has shared photos and stories of the youths they have saved and about some of the activities they are doing:

- The first photo (below) is of Richard, who has just undergone a heart valve surgery and is still under hospitalization.

We are praying for Richard's recovery and steps toward Christ.



- This is Musa, who was brought in from the streets just a few days ago. She had to be hospitalized with severe malaria. We are praying for her to accept Christ as her saviour so that she can start a new life walking with Him.

- When children are rescued from the streets, they first spend 6 months at the Drop-in Center. Children from the Lamech organization had a friendly football match with those currently at the Drop-in center. Although the children at Lamech are better skilled, they were still considerate and welcoming towards their opposing team during the friendly game.





- There are currently 10 children in the Drop-in Center, although only 9 are in the photo as Musa is in hospital.
- When children are brought from the streets to the shelter (Drop in Center), they no longer have to worry about their meals. This photo shows they're able to have fun and just be children.



Please pray with us that these children do not run away - pray that they can adapt during the 6 months of living in the community so that they can walk together with Christ. It took more than 1-2 years to make it this far!

It fills my heart to see and share these with you.

Hannah Oh
World Youth Director





GUATEMALA'S REPORT 2020

What a year we have gone through! During 2020, with the isolation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had the time to reflect, mainly about God's purpose for our lives.

When we started with the Foundation's programs, we even wanted to have a name that represented our calling and purpose. Deborah was a wonderful woman whose example is of great inspiration to our lives, because she, just like us, believed in the Living God, our God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

During 2020 we did what we could with what we had, we saw the grace and mercy of our Lord in each of the days.

Respecting the orders given by our leaders, in the first four months of the year we urge our beneficiaries to stay home and try to comply with the instructions of the government and the health ministry. However, many of our beneficiaries were mainly looking for women with their children because they did not feel safe. This is due to the fact that the rates of violence increased every day. From January to May, 2,511 complaints of violence against women and 2,092 of domestic violence were reported. In the first five months of the year, the murder of 197 women was reported. In addition, there was an increase in missing women.

What could we do about it?

We find a ray of light in Isaiah 43:19, which says:

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

We knew we couldn't just sit idly by, so we started 4 programs:

1. **Alcoholic Families Workshop:** psychotherapy for the families of alcoholics with methods, techniques and therapeutic tools for clinical intervention with relatives of alcoholic patients.
2. **Sewing workshop:** women benefited from short sewing workshops who learned:
 - Clothes for women
 - Men's clothing
 - Dress clothes for boys
 - Whites (household items)
 - Making masks for the pandemic
3. **Workshops and volunteering in a Women's Shelter:** women with children benefited from workshops on Human Rights, Healing Decisions, post-trauma care, medical care and case monitoring.
4. **Evangelical group for young adults:** We started a group with young adults who are in vulnerable areas of the interior of Guatemala. A virtual group, in which they seek to impart a message from God twice a week, we seek to help them to go through their problems and give them a message of hope.

We know our purpose is to serve and help the unprotected and hungry. We know that God is with us, he blesses us and we pray that they can find the cure and this pandemic ends soon.



The Power of Trusting the Lord with All Your Heart: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

If the future feels uncertain right now, and worry keeps occupying too much room in your heart, in your mind, remember this: God is already in all of our tomorrows. He knows our way, and He has a plan. And we can be assured it's always the best one for us.

God never asks us to figure it all out on our own. He just asks us to trust Him, to recognize His leadership and Sovereignty in our lives. And He promises to make our pathways straight.

- “Trust (be confident in, be bold, be secure)
- in the Lord with all your heart (seat of emotions, inclinations, mind, soul),
- and do not lean (trust, support) - on your own understanding (discernment).
- In all your ways acknowledge Him (know, recognize), - and He will make your paths straight (pleasing, right, smooth).” Proverbs 3:5-6

We may not always see what's ahead, but He does.

There's great power in trusting Him. For it clears the way for our security to be based solely on Him, not on our circumstances, or other people, not on ourselves, or our own ways of thinking.

He is faithful to lead us and He sees the big picture. He brings clarity and light through foggy times. He knows what's around the other side of the bend where we can't fully see. His timing is perfect even when we start to feel like we've been forgotten. No matter how we feel or what our current situation may be, we can be confident that God's Presence will go before us, paving out pathways, guiding and guarding our steps.

Keep choosing trust. Let go of worry, hold on to Him.

Wishing you God's richest blessings in 2021.



*Wishing you a Merry Christmas
& a Happy Healthy New Year!*

