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Newsletter - Africa and Pacific Islands



Doing the work of Jesus - Florence Onsando and Pastor John Macharia in Ongata Rongai, Kenya at Turning Point/ WCTU House

The new year has come and gone and already we face March. The news every day is bad but we focus on God and His promise of eternal life and of hope. We must trust Him and focus on His goodness and love. This is the message we must share through WCTU and every means possible. The picture above shows Florence Onsando, president of WCTU in Kenya, a young lady rescued from drugs and Pastor John Macharia. These good people lead the Turning Point WCTU House in a large slum town, Ongata Rongai, in Kenya. Together with Douglas, they have helped many people turn from drugs to a life in Jesus. They have given them hope and shared God's love. My dream is that this work can be repeated everywhere - rescuing people from a life of degradation, sickness and violence. It is the work of Jesus. It is the work of WCTU.

Remember that there are many excellent resources available for you online - check the website, look at our facebook pages and ask for help. www.wwctu.org www.wctu.org.au www.dfk.org.au

Children are our most treasured resource and we must love, teach and show them healthy ways to live. We must love them totally and unconditionally and show that we care - our own and our neighbours, children on the street, at the church and school. Find ways to teach them truth and clean living. Read about children's work in PNG and Samoa - over the page……

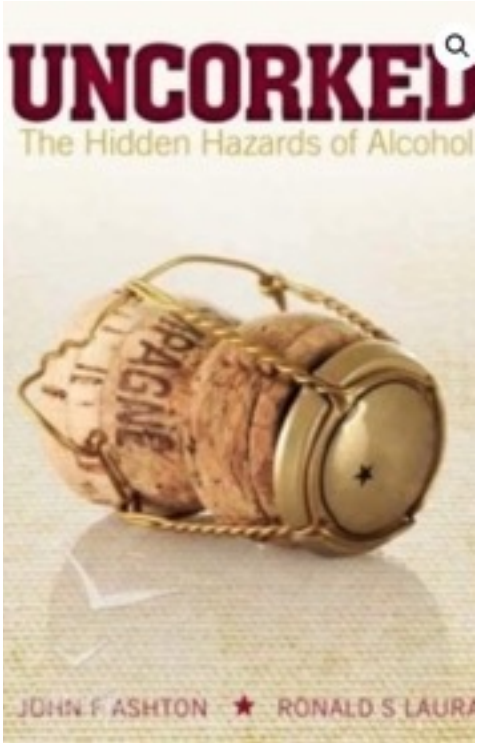
The Pledge - I want to urge you to print out and use the pledge for your children to sign. Pastor Macharia in Kenya uses and hand outs 1,000s of pledge cards every year to thousands of children and youth. They are making serious decisions to live clean pure healthy lives, thanks to Pastor Macharia who speaks and preaches about this topic all the time. Children will remember what they have promised before God and it will help save them from degradation and ruin. It is the best way to help children and youth.

News from PNG

Beatrice tells us of the work she continues to do in Papua New Guinea. *"We had a wonderful day on World No Tobacco Day. One of the schools in Port Moresby prepared for the day. They drew posters and displayed them everywhere around the School. They also put on some some drama and power point presentation."* Beatrice was planning to do more work with children in September. Posters that children design can be very effective in teaching the dangers of the SAD poisons - smoking, alcohol and drugs. Congratulations Beatrice.

News from Samoa

Pelenata tells us of the work in Samoa. *"In June last year we conducted a 3-day seminar of Temperance for children aged 3-15 years. We started with this text in 1 Corinthians 10. 'Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.' We train the children explaining the importance of our body as the temple of God as the Bible says, 1 Corinthians 3:16,17 'Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you. If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is Holy, which temple you are.' We used posters from our office. Some posters I went to see the health Centre about and asked to borrow but most are from WCTU. There were more than 30 boys and girls who signed the Pledge."* Congratulations Pele.



This book is a valuable resource and explains and reveals the facts about alcohol's effect on the body and society. It is written by my good friend Doctor John Ashton who is passionate about helping people find hope and supporting WCTU. You can buy it online or write to me for a copy.

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World WCTU

Margaret Ostenstad, the world leader recently shared a 'Plan of Action for 2022-225' for WCTU. You can see it on the world website - www.wwctu.org

"I'm allergic to alcohol, drugs and smoking"- say it.

Remember these dates

March 4 - International Prayer Day
March 8 - International Women's Day
March 22 - World Water Day
May 15 - International Day of Families
May 31 - World No Tobacco Day

Remember why WCTU is here: It is an organisation for all Christian women. It takes no political positions. It is believed to be the oldest continuing woman's organisation in the world. Its purpose is to promote a drug-free lifestyle and Christian values in the home and the community. It is here to education children and young people about the dangers of alcohol and the results of its use.

God bless you as you do this work. *Joy Butler*