

## Praying that He use the KWCTU in 2018; thanking Him for His Grace, manifest in 2017

*33 Who then will condemn us whom God has chosen for his own? Will God? No. He is the one who has given us right standing with himself, 34 Who then will condemn us? Will Christ Jesus? No, for he is the one who died for us and was raised to life for us and sitting at the place of highest honor next to God, pleading for us*

**Romans 8:33-34**

### 1. World Officers' Meeting in Seoul



The KWCTU had the privilege of holding the World Officers' Meeting in May, and welcomed World President, Mrs. Margaret Ostenstad, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Anne Bergen, Recording Secretary Florence Einwechter, Treasurer Lois Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Joy Butler, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Irja Eskelinen, and 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, Dr. Dora de Barrientos. The meeting was hosted by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Mrs. Young Joo Kim.

On May 4, the KWCTU held a reception for the world officers, with a speech from Mrs. Margaret Ostenstad on the significance of temperance work in today's world. WWCTU Education Director, Ms. So Yeon Oh spoke on her research project on the drinking habits of college students in Korea.



Children from the LTL and their parents attended a temperance oath ceremony. The Ewha Woman's University Messiah Ballet team performed through dance and worship. Rev. Irja Eskelinen preached on the Golden Rule at the worship time. Mrs. Margaret Ostenstad WWCTU President brought a beautiful banner as a gift to the KWCTU, to live "For God, for Home, and for Every Land."

### 2. Christian Outreach (Superintendent: Rev. Hae Kyung Kim)



Rev. Hae Kyung Kim, a trustee of the KWCTU, was elected as head school chaplain for the Kyung In region. She held her first meeting at the KWCTU Hall, and 25 school chaplains and 5 trustees of the KWCTU, attended on Mar. 16, for a temperance lecture and worship service. Rev. Hae Kyung Kim led temperance campaign at Bo Sung Girls' High School, where students drew temperance message on the summer fans to share temperance message.

Mrs. Young Joo Kim, president of the KWCTU, emphasized the importance of temperance education at Christian schools, to prevent FAS and alcoholism.

Two chaplains asked the KWCTU for temperance lectures and Mrs. Hyun Kyung Kim visited each school and shared the Gospel and the temperance message. The KWCTU believes that faith in Jesus Christ alone will help each to seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness and lead a temperate life that guide believers to holiness and true freedom from addiction.

### 3. Promotion (Superintendent: Ms. Yejin Kim)



On April 25, the KWCTU held its annual temperance campaign. Bible After reading from Daniel 9:1-19, the White Ribbon Sisters of the KWCTU asked God to forgive the sins of our nation and to bless South and North Korea to become one nation according to His grace. At the annual temperance campaign, Professor Stella Price spoke on her book, *Called by Chosun (=Korea)*, a martyrdom story of Robert Germain Thomas (1876) which was instrumental in opening the door of Chosun to the Protestant Mission in 1885, followed by the Great Pyung Yang Revival in 1907.

The Kukmin Daily Newspaper released a feature on the various activities of the KWCTU, such as the visit of world officers and Price's lecture. On February 28, Dr. Jung Joo Kim wrote on the importance of prevention in dealing with alcohol problems, and on November 3, her campus ministry released a feature with emphasis on temperance education.

On December 2, a whole page of the Kukmin Daily Newspaper had a feature by head journalist Mrs. Jee Hyun Lee on the life of Ms Christine Tinling, and how she founded the KWCTU, as a missionary sent out by the WWCTU since 1903. Tinling stayed in Korea for 6 months in 1923, and her story is written in her book, *From Japan to Jerusalem*. [Photo: Christine Tinling (3rd from the left) at Ewha Girls' School. May, 1923]

### 4. Home Protection (Superintendent, Mrs. Duk Ja Nahm)



On December 5, the KWCTU held its 14<sup>th</sup> FAS Prevention Seminar. Dr. Won Ho Kim, Researcher of National Institute of Health, led a special lecture on the harm of alcohol on fetus, if taken by women even before pregnancy. KWCTU thanks his faithful researches on the harm of alcohol, which gives the Department of Health the basis for new policy making. Dr. Byung In Ko gave lecture on how to approach the families who suffer from alcoholic problems, giving many examples in family counselings.

### 5. YTC (Superintendent: Mrs. Hyun Kyung Kim)



The KYTC helped Yonsei and Ewha Woman's University Christian Unions to share temperance education pamphlets at their annual New Students' Orientation for healthy, alcohol-free adjustment on campus. Students were provided with Christian literature, temperance pamphlets, and booklets detailing the importance of not smoking or drinking. On June 10, the Yonsei YTC visited Yonsei's Songdo campus, to share customized pens with the temperance message written on them, and temperance pamphlets. KYTC meets every month to study Bible and on the temperance issues at Yonsei campus, led by Mrs. Hyun Kyung Kim.

## 6. Education (Superintendent: Ms. So Yeon Oh)



Ms. So Yeon Oh, the director of YTC of the WWCTU, participated in the UN conference on the Sustainable Development Goals, and shared with delegates from other NGOs information about temperance work. She tried to inform the UN about the WWCTU and temperance work so that it could go in the right direction in the near future. The KWCTU is renewing her cyber lecture series, *No Smoking and No Drinking Education Guide*, for teachers to teach their students from what they learn through the lecture series.

For the school temperance lectures, Mrs. Hyun Kyung Kim, visited Sung Eui Girls High School on October 19 and on November 29 Chung Gu High School.

## 7. Social Service(Superintendent: Mrs. Kyoung Ja Choi)



The KWCTU supports defectors from North Korea with scholarships, winter clothing at New Year gatherings, and Christian books and temperance pamphlets.

The KWCTU also gives scholarships to North Korean students in the temperance works, and overseas students in colleges, in graduate schools in mission fields. The KWCTU distributes mainly Christian books among the soldiers with temperance pamphlets.

## 8. Field Works to Korean Missionaries (Superintendent: Dr. Jung Joo Kim)

The KWCTU aims to plant new national unions in the mission field through Korean missionaries overseas. The brief reports sent by new unions planted are as follows:



- 1) **Australia KWCTU Branch in Sydney:** Led by Mrs. Young Sook Baik, the branch holds concerts with AKWCTU choirs at church events and annual events, sharing the temperance messages. On Nov. 3, AKWCTU had the temperance event with 180 people attending, introducing the temperance work and educated on the harm of smoking and drinking with AWCTU choir's performance.
- 2) **NZ KWCTU:** On January 28, the NZ KWCTU led by Mrs. Young A Jung, participated in 'Christian Festival One', held in Hamilton. On July 29, the NZ KWCTU held a Temperance Seminar for and by YTC students, where Secretary Mrs. Seung Hyun Seo's lecture on the harms of alcohol and nicotine received much attention. The NZWCTU president, Mrs. Annette Patterson also gave a lecture.





- 3) **Cambodia WCTU:** CWCTU gives thanks to God for their active ministry of the temperance works. For example, on May 30, at 2:00 p.m. CWCTU visited Zaungre Middle and High School, giving a temperance lecture to 100 students of 10th and 11th grades, always, Dr. Yong Kang Yang, Ph.D. in Pharmacy from U.S.A., lecturing, an evangelist, Ms. Makara, interpreting, supported by intercessory prayer meeting at Bethany Hall at Phnomphen Korean Church, led by the Vice President of CWCTU, Ms. Hyang Sun Kim, and her regular monthly meeting in the morning, the treasurer of CWCTU, Missionary Ms. Kwang Sook Lee, preaching. On June 20 (Tuesday), at 14:00, CWCTU had a temperance lecture for the 94 students at 10th grade at Zebba Umbbuheuh Middle and High School, from 15:00, to 96 students from grade 11, at the auditorium, repeating the same temperance lecture again on the same day, White Ribbon sisters of the CWCTU and Dr. Yong Kang Yang, rejoicing still for the attentive students. The principal of the school, attending the temperance seminar, greatly impressed, asked the CWCTU to come again the next semester. White Ribbon Sisters of CWCTU were overwhelmed by such appreciation, after having seen many other principals, who responded to the temperance lecture, rather unwillingly, only obliged to open school doors, due to the public letter of requests CWCTU carried.
- 4) **Vanuatu WCTU:** Korean missionary Mrs. Nanjoo Kim, planted the Vanuatu WCTU. They have monthly meeting every first Sunday, and 10-14 members gather to study the Bible and information about the harms of smoking, Kava, marijuana, and sexual issues. In April, VWCTU opened workshop at Santo Mission School for the youth, in June, Alcohol and Smoking Awareness Seminar for the Sunday School in Bluinda, in July, and on Independence Day, fund raising 500,000 won (\$450) and sharing of VWCTU pamphlets.



- 5) **Temperance Education in Indian Slums:** Missionary Jung Ah Sohn shared the Gospel with the children in the Slums in Mumbai, starting temperance education using the prezzi on the harm of drinking and smoking.
- 6) **Tanzania WCTU in the process of planting and growing:** The TWCTU celebrated her 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary with temperance campaign at church and schools. During Sep.6-9 at Pastors' Conference in Brundi with 400 pastors, TWCTU shared the temperance message.
- 7) **Thailand WCTU, just Beginning:** Missionary Mrs. Chun Rye Kim is preparing to plant a new WCTU in Thailand, having finished translating KWCTU temperance pamphlet, supervised by a professor at Nursing College, into Thai, and share the Gospel.