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*Wishing you a blessed
Christmas and a bright
and Happy New Year!*



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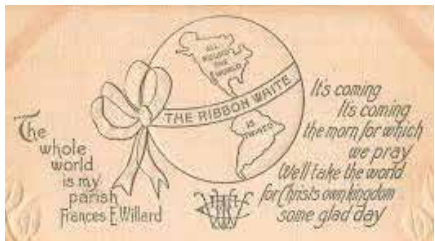


(Left to right): Merry Lee Powell, President (WV); Kathleen Johnson, Vice President (WV); Cheryl Seaman, Promotion Director (NY); Donna Pearson, Treasurer (NY); Jacqueline Stull, Recording Secretary (MI)

Greetings from the US National WCTU President. There is joy and excitement as we enter a new era of the WCTU for the United States. A new team of leaders hit the ground running November 1st. We have many obstacles to overcome; but overcome, we will! Our focus for the next two years will be “Preserving the Past ~ Transforming the Future”. We recognize the tremendous heritage we have and will strive to preserve that legacy while building a 21st century WCTU.

The new leadership is eternally grateful for the prayers of our World White Ribbon sisters and asks for your continued prayers as we march on.

“Lead on, O King eternal,
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning,
Where’r Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted over us,
We journey in its light
Thy crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.”
(Ernest W. Shuttled, 1888)



Blessings to you
Merry Lee

Congratulations to NWCTU on new leadership!

As I begin my seventh year as World President, I am reminded of the words of Frances Willard :“May God allow history’s judgment on our work to be: “by God’s blessing, they helped make the world better for women and happier for all mankind.” We all have a job to do while maintaining the integrity of the WWCTU by being in compliance with our Constitution and By-Laws.



I read again today a story: Stand in the gap! “God told Ezekiel: “I sought for a man ... who should build up the wall and stand in the gap before me and for the land ... but I found none. (Ezekiel 22:30) Today God still looks for individuals who will “stand in the gap.” Men and women who care more about the approval of God than the approval of man. Those more interested in being “faithful” in the eyes of God than “successful” in the eyes of man. Those more concerned about saving souls than saving money. Those more desirous of living correctly than being “politically correct.”

- Of such is comprised the Kingdom of God. Men and women unwilling to sell their souls for a bowl of porridge. Or betray their Saviour for 30 pieces of silver.
- Pompeii, the great Roman leader, put it this way: “It is a small matter that I should move forward and die. It is too great a matter than I should take one step backward and live.”
- The gaps are all around us. People of faith – men and women – for the sake of our children, for the sake of our families, for the sake of our nation ... **GO FORTH AND STAND IN THE GAP!**”

Christmas is the mystery of God’s love, which has had ripple effects on our present lives.

Jesus, born in a stable, laid on straw and surrounded by Mary and Joseph, the light came to earth. The words of the angel proclaiming the birth of the Savior, the great joy for all the people, changed the world. This confirms the value and equality of human beings; for God has woven his life with ours and shown us his face in the face of a child.

The angel’s message of the Savior who was born has become the strongest testimony of God’s outreach of love. When we truly comprehend the angel’s proclamation, it becomes our greatest treasure. It brings promises of the presence of God in the midst of life, when loneliness can take from us both joy, self-respect and life. It promises a new start because the Savior gave forgiveness of sin and deceit. It allows us to serve our neighbors and spread love and kindness in the darkness of the world.

A blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

In Christ’s love,
Margaret

Looking Forward to the Centennial of KWCTU in 2023

Jung Joo Kim, 2nd Vice President and Field Worker
to the Korean Missionaries of the WWCTU

Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ. (1 Thess. 5:16-18)

Ms. Christine Tinling from England founded the KWCTU in 1923. Her commission as WWCTU missionary appears in the 'History' section of the WWCTU website (<http://wwctu.org>) as follows:

At the sixth convention in Geneva in 1903, the title of all individuals serving at mission fields was changed from 'field worker' to the "World's White Ribbon Missionary." Simultaneously, nine individuals were appointed with this title: J. K. Barney, Addie Northam Fields, and Kara Smart, USA; Harrison Lee and Cummins and Vincent, Australia; Ethel Beedham and Christine Tinling, England; and Olafia Johannsdottir, Iceland.

Ms. Tinling came to Korea in 1923 and stayed in Korea for six months. During her time in Korea, she visited many schools including Ewha University, my alma mater. Eventually, Ewha became instrumental in the foundation of the KWCTU. In 1926, Ms. Tinling published a book titled, *From Japan to Jerusalem* (National Woman's Christian Temperance Publishing House, Evanston, 1926. 144 pages), reporting on her experiences as WWCTU missionary in the Far East, in countries including Japan, Korea, Manchuria, Philippines, Burma, India, Egypt, and Jerusalem.

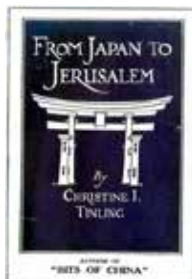


Photo: Ms. Tinling (third from the left) with Ms. Apenzeller, the principal (second from the right) and students at Ewha School in 1923

She was a good worker for the Lord, as well as a talented writer. During her trips, she gave lectures almost daily on the harms of alcohol, nicotine, and narcotic drugs; rampant wherever she went. Responses of the audiences were great. Hence, where national unions were not yet formed, people were willing to organize new national unions. This was also the case for Korea, which was founded by Ms. Tinling in 1923.

In 2023, the KWCTU will celebrate her centennial, having reached out to Korean missionaries founding temperance unions in mission fields for

the last 100 years. As of 2015, 28,326 missionaries were serving in 170 countries, sent by the Korean Church. After the 41st World Convention in Finland, many reports came from temperance unions, newly founded in various countries by Korean missionaries. Among them, I will share with you three reports below, of Paraguay, Philippines, and Vanuatu.

Missionary Chang Keun Yang founded St. Paul's High School and Tribal Chiefs' School in Paraguay. He invited medical doctors to give temperance lectures, and delivered temperance pamphlets translated in Spanish, to 99 tribal chiefs and 10 children, who attended the Tribal Chiefs' School.



Photo: The first temperance seminar held at the 23rd Tribal Chiefs' School during November 4-8, 2019.

The tribal chiefs showed so much interest in the temperance lecture that Missionary Yang asked us to pray for them to share with their tribes the importance of total abstinence from alcohol, cigarettes and drugs; and to prevent addiction among them. Here ends the report of Missionary Chang Keun Yang in Paraguay.

Missionary Eun Ho Kim who attended the 41st World Convention of the WWCTU, said, "We focused on the areas notorious for having many youth with drug addictions; we taught them about the harms of alcohol, nicotine, and drugs. We delivered temperance pamphlets translated in Tagalog, and thanked the Lord for the good impact given to the youth. Currently, this work to me is occurring in the golden time of my life and will probably last about 10 more years. We should all the more sow the seed of the Gospel. We invited a licensed nurse, Pastor Bboy, to serve as main lecturer for the temperance seminar. Pastor Bboy was responsible for translating the temperance pamphlet into Tagalog. We also had small group discussions. Please pray for us as we undertake this holy ministry of God." Here ends the Philippines KWCTU's report.

Photo: The three day event, "Evangelism for the Youth" (October 29-31, 2019) where 50 counselors and helpers in yellow shirts served 151 young participants.



On Oct. 1, 2019, I got a report from Missionary Nanjoo Kim, saying, "The Vanuatu WCTU held our first national convention successfully by the grace of God.



Photo: The three day event, "Evangelism for the Youth" (October 29-31, 2019) where 50 counselors and helpers in yellow shirts served 151 young participants.

For this convention, some came from quite a distance, even two days by boat ride. The first session lecture, "The Influence of Narcotic Drugs on the Brain" was based on the PowerPoint presentation of Dr. Bertha Madras, which was given at the 41st World Convention. Members from the VWCTU's three branches challenged those from other islands, and those who visited the temperance conference for the first time, to work together with us. On the last day, women from four islands decided to start small group prayer meetings to awaken homes and local societies about the need for a drug-free life. At this convention, 10 women signed the pledge, and now the VWCTU has more than 50 members. Due to geographical conditions, it may be very difficult for everyone to get together. We still plan to have a biannual conference because by coming together, we learn more about the temperance movement, gain new knowledge about the harms of narcotic drugs, and strengthen and encourage one another. If possible, I will visit all the islands next year where the temperance ministry has just started." Here ends the VWCTU report.

When Ms. Margaret Ostenstad, World President, asked me to serve as Field Worker to the Korean Missionaries for the WWCTU in 2003, I gladly accepted her offer. However, I did not expect the eagerness with which Korean missionaries would respond to the call of the temperance movement. The Spirit of the Lord poured His amazing grace in each contact, and missionaries who felt God's calling were willing to start the temperance work in the mission fields. How gracious our Lord is, who blesses us with His steadfast love as Jesus says in Matthew 6:33, Amen.

"Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well."



Noontide prayer

Around the world, someone is always praying

12 July, 2019

Moon Ja Kim
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New Zealand

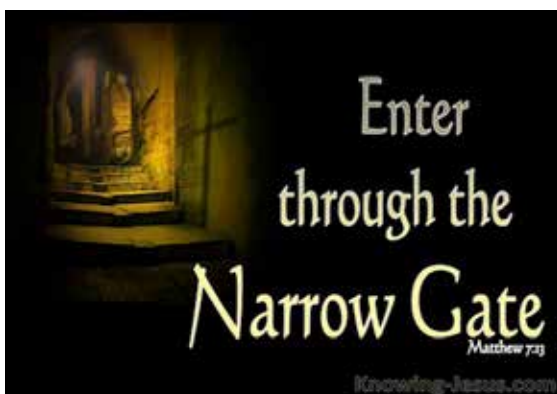
Dear Madame President, World Officers
and all my fellow temperance workers,
Hyvää päivää! Greetings to you all!

I am unspeakably grateful to God for allowing me the opportunity to be here at the 41st World WCTU Convention. I live everyday experiencing God's miracle. Being here is a true miracle. I was diagnosed with malignant cancer last September, that I had only six months to live at the most. That six month milestone has already passed. In May this year, I underwent another round of thorough examinations at the Seoul National University Hospital in Seoul, Korea. The result came out that the surgery is no longer an option to consider for certain, and I would not live for long.

I am not afraid because I already received the promise of the salvation and the eternal life. I have received countless blessings from God through my life and I would like to share three of them with you today. First, it is a great blessing to have been led to the WCTU and become a part of this significant ministry of God. I was born a weak woman but I could voice the importance of the temperance with the gospel of Christ to the world. Second, I am blessed to have received abundant love of God and of His faithful servants, my brothers and sisters in Christ. Last, I am blessed to have received the gift of peace and joy, knowing that I will meet you again even if it will not be at the next convention. I love and bless all of you. I will give my all to the temperance ministry until my last breath. Kiitos.

Thank you.

In Christ,
Moon Ja





Anne Bergen
Organization Secretary

Dear WCTU members around the world. I was privileged to attend the World Convention in Helsinki in July and to be re-elected as Organization Secretary. This is my first page with news of work in various countries since then with happenings from India, Tanzania and New Zealand. I hope you will be inspired and send me information and photos of what you are doing in your country.

WCTU in various parts of India is always active and faithfully celebrates special days relevant to their work. The Union in Damoh observed FAS day with some special children. Vandna Charan commented that they are awesome and time spent with them, was blessed. A song of worship was sung by them, they played instruments, and cookies and favours were distributed. We enjoyed a lot.



They also observed World Prayer Day with children and youth and ladies.

Pictured here with their World Prayer Day banner.

Members praying together in a circle.





Further north in India, in Delhi, Reena Kumar reached out to children with a poster competition on afforestation and slogan writing on saving water.

The photo shows a poster with a message we should all heed, "Water Is Essence of Life. Save Rain Water."

Missionary Mi Kyung Lee sent news from Tanzania of how excited the women were at the temperance work, seeing the work of the Holy Spirit, revealing the unity among the White Ribbon Sisters there. You will get some of their enthusiasm in their internet communications - "I'm speechless for what God did today", "We learnt today that God uses not so much the perfect but those who avail themselves. Pastor Monica has a good rapport with the schools and that is a big opportunity."

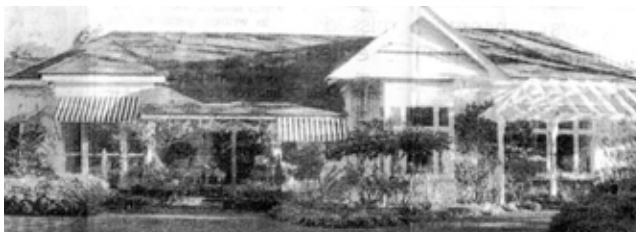
They received an invitation to give a regular temperance seminar at the school they visited.



New Zealand

Pictured below is the home of pioneering suffragette, Kate Sheppard, which has been purchased by the New Zealand Government for \$4.5 million to become a heritage venue and educational centre. It was here that the 270m petition with signatures gathered from all over the country by WCTU women was put together. Judy McNulty, who represented NZ in Helsinki, wrote to the Newspaper noting that, with all the publicity, the role of WCTU was not mentioned.

NZ was the first country to give women the vote.





Call to Salvation

Lise Karlsen

Serving Jesus gives my life the greatest meaning so it is, in all humility, a great pleasure for me to share this testimony with you tonight. It is also my fervent hope and prayer that you will find opportunities to share God's Word with others in your own country. May God give the blessing. All honour and glory to Him.

The word I have been given is quite well known. However, it is primarily for those who are not so used to hearing the Word of God - whether it is a stranger, someone you know, or perhaps someone very dear to you. It is in the Gospel according to John. 14: This is Jesus farewelling the disciples. They had been with Jesus almost three and a half years and were used to him being constantly near them. Jesus knew that he was going to leave them. It must really have been a sad time, a time full of longing. He comforts them with these words in the Gospel according to John, Chapter 14 beginning at the first verse.

14 "1 Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you.] 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." [c] 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The heading here is "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" and it was precisely these words I had in mind to share with you. Jesus says He is the Way, He is the Truth and the Life. Words cannot convey how grateful I am that I was allowed to accept Jesus as my Saviour and give my life to him. It was many years ago now; in 1975 actually. I have always known who Jesus was but I had not followed the path Jesus had planned for me. No, like many others, I went a different road. Therefore, my thoughts go to those of you who sit and think that life is without meaning. You may even think that life is not worth living without any meaning or purpose. I believe that thoughts like this come to the minds of many people.

And that brings me to thoughts about encouraging people to choose the right path. In the Old Testament, knowing the right paths to follow was often referred to. The young ones were to be told about the paths of old so that they could follow them. One example was to encourage them to look at those who lived before and had walked with Jesus and how safe and good it has been for them. There have been many times when I have been driving to meetings in unfamiliar territory. It does happen that I do not know how to find the way. I have to ask myself, where did the old road go? There is so much new road work and, even though most cars these days have GPS you can punch in the address where you want to go and the car leads you right there. However, it also happens that new roads are not updated on the GPS and

you find yourself driving round in circles and there is no road marked where the GPS is telling you to drive. Instead, you remember the old road that was known to you and you trust it and drive on... and suddenly I'm back to plan on GPS!

There are so many new life paths Therefore, knowing the way to go is so safe and good. And I thought of the way that leads to God – the way through Jesus. Jesus who has suffered on the cross when he took the sins of the world upon himself. Yes, Jesus says “I am the Way. The Truth and the Life.” He took the punishment for us on the cross to set us free. It also says in John 1: 12 “But to all who receive him, who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

It is the one who believes in this person, Jesus, who has done so much for us, who is so happy that he is allowed to go through this life safely, knowing that we have an eternal home with him. Some probably have many who have gone before and know that they have believed in Jesus and then we know that the goal is heaven and there we should be allowed to meet them again one day.

And I am reminded our son, Kai - Ludvig and I only had one son, the rest are girls. There was a series of meetings in Molde and the children were with us. Kai was 16 years old, almost 17 and at this meeting he was asked if he could say a word. Now Kai was not a boy who had too much to say... so he became very uncertain but he went up anyway. The verse he used was from his confirmation preparation time, Matthew 7: 13-14 “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” Later I actually got a cassette with those words which now in retrospect, is very important to me. He knew about the narrow gate, he knew the wide gate is wide, and the path that leads to perdition and many are those who enter through the wide gate. He knew about narrow gate and the road is also narrow which leads to life and few are those who find it. A little strange that he had memorized those words. He lost his life in a tragic accident shortly after... and it gave comfort that Kai knew the road to choose.

it was in July 1983 We had just started the Gospel Centre in Roa It went a while and, like boys of his age, Kai was very interested in bikes, small motor cycles and the like. and. He drove out to change a light bulb on the bike he had upgraded to, when he was involved in an accident which cost him his life. We must give up a lot when we walk with Jesus, but He gives so much more in return. And He has promised us an eternal life at home in heaven. We are also promised to meet all our loved ones who have gone before. But to do so, you have to make a choice today. You must choose Jesus and say that you want to follow Him and follow this safe and navigable path He offers us.

So God bless you to make the right choice as you come to crossroads in your life. Whether we realize it or not we all have to actually make choices every single day. When we leave our homes, we have to choose which way we are going to go - right or left. Yes, you know where to go now to your job for example; you have gone the same way many times but some choices are life changing, and the most important choice of our time for eternity, is choosing Jesus Christ, God's only Son. Amen!

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Charlotte Heintz Grydeland

Incorporating the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals into our projects.

The aim of the following kit is to provide ideas for projects and activities for our participating countries that align with the Sustainable Development Goals provided by the United Nations. Our wish is that each country would be inspired by the kit, and that the projects and ideas might be used by them to enhance and renovate their national youth departments. The youth is the future of the organization and must therefore be a priority in both the global, and national, work in the Women's Christian Temperance Union. If there are any questions or feedback about the kit, do not hesitate to reach out on my email, lauritzencharlotte@gmail.com . Any updates about your national work would be highly appreciated and used, with your permission, to motivate and lift up the others through our webpage www.drug-freeyouth.org and our future social media-accounts.

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:

In order to incorporate the UN SDGs in WWCTU's youth work our division will be focusing on these goals:

UN SDG nr. 3: Good Health and well-being.

UN SDG nr. 4: Quality education.

UN SDG nr. 5: Gender equality.

The SDGs listed above are already aligned with our current work with promoting good and healthy choices for body and mind, spreading awareness and educating youth on the dangers of drugs and inequality, and our work for women's rights and gender equality globally through the years. It is therefore wise to highlight them in our work and use our platforms to continue our work and develop our knowledge in these areas. These values should especially be communicated towards the youth of the world, as it affects their future the most. I will later illustrate different projects that are beneficial both to our work, and to reach the SDGs provided by the UN. Learn more about the SDGs on <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs>.

Timeline:

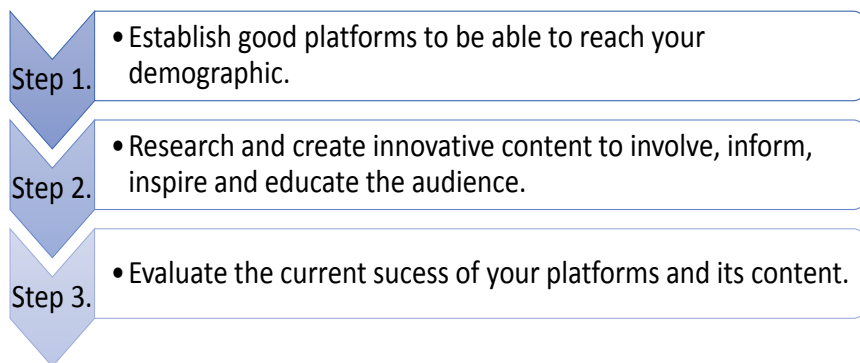
The timeline for creating our social media-accounts, and renovating our webpage is set to the due-date of **December 1st**.

Feedback:

We would ask that you send your feedback on your national development and work by **February 1st, 2020**. After this we can discuss, evaluate and analyse our current situation to find out how we best could handle the future of our youth work globally. We are stronger together, and so we need to combine forces in order to learn and grow.

How to reach the youth:

The basic principles of maintaining a successful form of communication with the youth can be summarized into three simple steps. I will present them briefly below, and subsequently deep diving into each point in detail.



STEP 1: Establishing platforms

When establishing platforms nationally it is important to know where and how to reach the youth in an efficient way. This is easiest recognized by knowing how and where the youth communicate with each other. The platform for communication could be both virtual and physical. It can be categorized into three sub-departments; arenas, physical mediums and social platforms. I will be clarifying the extent of these departments before we move on to step 2.

- **ARENAS**
- **PHYSICAL MEDIUMS**
- **SOCIAL PLATFORMS**

STEP 2: Researching and creating content

After establishing good platforms to communicate with the youth, one would need to know what to communicate and how to interact with them through the platforms. The process of making content for your platforms is a three-step process. Step one is to do good and thorough research, and step two is the actual design and step three is distribution.

- **ACTIVITIES**
- **ITEMS TO PRODUCE**
- **CONTENT / PAMPHLETS**

STEP 3: Evaluation and rethinking

The last step in the process of reaching the youth, is evaluation. This is the most important of all the steps, because it tells us if the platforms and the content you are making is working. This could be done two different ways:

- 1) Evaluation by the board itself.
- 2) Evaluation by the youth members.



Joy Butler
Field Worker
Aus. National Pres

Time goes by. People go by. Friends go by. The years go by but God is always there. That is our wonderful reassurance and hope. Despite all that happens around us, all that goes right or wrong, the older we get, we have God and we have nothing to fear. We are now into October 2019, almost ending two decades of the 21st Century and what have we accomplished for God, for Humanity? I suggest that WCTU has been a constant, a stable with a message of hope and health for the world. We have shared messages that are relevant for young people.

I want this to remain so and even to expand with stronger messages, deeper commitments to the cause and an emphasis on prevention. We need to constantly look for newer and better methods of communicating our temperance message. We need to be ready to take opportunities for improvement. These are some of the themes that came through for me at the World Convention in Finland in July this year. Please take a look at these brief notes I am sharing here from the convention. If you want to read more - go to the website - http://wwctu.org/pages/news_2019.html#

Some notes from World Convention

- There are two arms of WCTU - Gospel and temperance. Anne Bergen
- My vision is to Christianise China and North Korea where there are 1.5 billion people. Sung-Joo Kim
- I am an ex-alcoholic who came to the end of coping but God intervened and totally transformed my life. My husband and I established a home for destitute and drunkards. 25,000 people have gone through our programme and 80% have found Jesus. Lise Karlsen
- What can we do? Use our voices and feet. Educate our families, politicians, legislators and prevent with education. Protect and love children. Learn the risks and tell children. This is not a war on drugs. It is a defence of our brains. Doctor Bertha K Madras
- One tree can start a forest - never forget this. The people nearest us should be the dearest to us. Public health has improved in recent decades but not mental health - this has decreased in all groups of people. Leena Harake
- Infancy and early childhood education is crucial. If there is no early education regarding drugs and alcohol those people tend to use them. Good parenting can be easily learned. Hanna Heikkila
- Seven years ago I was addicted but now free. I run an addiction and rehabilitation school to help others. It is possible to escape addiction through Jesus Christ. Mr Sung Pil Yoo

God bless you with courage and confidence in knowing that God is with you in this journey of standing and speaking for the right

We stand at the door of a brand new year
And ponder the future ahead
Will our path be rocky or smoothly paved
And light on the journey shed?

We can wonder what the days and
the months may hold
We can muse, we can dream, we can plan
But the truth of the matter is very clear
The future is safe in God's hand.



*Glenda Amos
Webmaster*

So the very best thing that we can do
Is to turn to the One who knows
To have a relationship strong and secure
Intimacy that deeper grows.

So as we stand at this open door
Take the time to turn to the Lord
Ask Him to take your hand in His
And lead as we pass through the door.

He's promised His presence every day
He'll not forsake you nor leave
But nor will He force you to stay with Him
It's your choice ever to cleave.

Then walk beside Him, trusting still
As He leads you through each day
The year may have joys or sorrows ahead
But He'll guide you each step of the way.

So daily invite Him to enter your life
Give him first place in your heart
Then the future ahead will be safe in His hands
And happy this year that we start.

GLENDAMAMOS, WWCTU Webmaster

I have the privilege to present the World Department Directors for Yourh, all aged 24: Charlotte Heintz Grydland (Norway) Youth Director together with Emy Barrientos (Guatemala) and Hannah Oh (Korea). Sarah Oh, second from the right is second term Education Director and from Korea. Also in the middle of the picture is Madelein Barrientos from Guatemala, a young dentist.



Pray for them - they are our leaders of tomorrow! Trust in the Lord with all your Heart. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6