

Looking Forward to 2020 & Giving Thanks for 2019

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1. Christian Outreach (Superintendent: Dr. Jung Joo Kim)

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son": Why does God love the world, which is so rebellious and wicked? Genesis 1:1 gives the answer saying that God created the heavens and the earth. He loves what is His own. In His love, He had to give up His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross to pay for the penalty of our sins (Isaiah 53:5-6). What pain God must have felt when He sent His one and only Son for our redemption. In order for Him to forgive us righteously, He could not but condemn all our sins in the flesh of His only Son (Romans 8:3-4). The last part of John 3:16 says, "...that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." It reveals the solemn truth that not by our observance of the law, or by our good works, but by faith in Jesus Christ who died on the cross and rose from the dead in three days, will we be saved and receive eternal life. We White Ribbon Sisters must first believe the Gospel and that by faith in the crucified and risen Christ alone can one be saved. Only then can we learn about God's steadfast love towards His creations, which is the foundation of the temperance movement. By the blood of Jesus shed on the cross, we received forgiveness for all our sins, and were delivered from all the temptation of narcotic drugs. By sharing the Gospel, we will be able to reach out to people to prevent them from addiction to alcohol, nicotine, and other addictive drugs by informing them of these substances' harms. Then, the grace of Jesus Christ will make the temperance movement grow and bear fruits unto the glory of God by the power of His Spirit. When we do not see direct results of our efforts in the temperance work, we should not get discouraged. Instead, we should look up to Jesus now risen and sitting on the right hand of God, for He will drive out all fear, and dwell in us with His perfect love (1 John 4:18). What joy and gladness our hearts will feel, when we live in Christ and Christ lives in us (John 15:7). In the last chapter of his book, *The Addicted Brain: Why We Abuse Drugs, Alcohol, and Nicotine*, Michael Kuhar concludes that the best solution for drug addiction is prevention; confirming the aim of the temperance movement. Every month, the KWCTU holds Bible study sessions to learn what God's will is for us White Ribbon Sisters today. The sessions are led by Reverend Nam Hyun Cho. May praise, glory, and honor be to God our Father, and Jesus Christ, His only Son, and the Spirit of God now unto eternity.



2. The Best Event of the Year 2019: the 41st WWCTU World Convention

The 41st WWCTU World Convention motivated all the delegates, especially first-time observers to start anew the temperance work back home. We thank the Lord for all the blessings and Mrs. Margaret Ostenstad for her leadership and the Finnish White Ribbon Sisters' hospitality..

3, Education (Superintendent Mrs. Duk Ja Nahm)



FAS Prevention Seminar Nov.26, 2019.

Dr. Won Ho Kim, Director of the Division of Cardiovascular Disease at the Korean National Institute of Health, Korea Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, shared his research on how alcohol is dangerous not only during pregnancy but even before pregnancy occurs. Women must abstain from drinking even a drop of alcohol, lest the fetus be harmed. Similarly, men should abstain from drinking even a drop, lest alcohol harm his brain. All glory be to our God!

In order to found the Prevention Center of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (PCFAS) at Ewha Woman's University, Ms. Young Joo Kim, the president of the KWCTU, is donating 50 pieces of her paintings, for a Solo Art Exhibition (February 16 - March 16, 2020) to the gallery of Ewha Woman's University Hospital (EWUH) in Korea. The KWCTU aims to raise enough fund to support the running of a research center at EWUH. The research center will aim to educate the Korean public about the harms of alcohol, as a teratogen, and the necessity of abstaining from it to prevent the onset of FAS.

4. YTC (Superintendent Mrs. Hyung Kyung Kim)

In addition to monthly Bible studies, YTC students at Yonsei University had an annual campaign at the school's Songdo campus on Oct. 19, 2019, which was during the university's midterm exam week. They shared temperance pamphlets, ballpoint pens, wet wipes, educational books on prevention, and soft drinks along with temperance brochures to 200 first year students.



That day, the Korean Mathematical Olympiad was being held on campus so there were many elementary students, who also received educational materials from YTC. No to Alcohol! No to Nicotine! With that message, the KWCTU and YTC support the abstinence of students at Yonsei University.

5. Social Service (Superintendent Mrs. Kyung Ja Choi)

For the last 50 years, the KWCTU has been supporting many middle school, high school, and college students in need of scholarships, including defectors from North Korea, students in the seminaries in mission fields, and MKs. Many of them have grown to become strong supporters of the temperance work.

6. LTL (Superintendent Mrs. Young Ja Kim)



The Child-Care Centers at the KWCTU serve for the temperance work among children. The center in Seoul has become very international, as their parents come from abroad to work in Korea, giving a good opportunity for international mission work through temperance education.

7. Promotion (Superintendent Mrs. Jee Young Ha)



The national annual campaign took place with the publication of a leaflet for temperance education. In order to spread the temperance message, we support the Messiah Ballet of Ewha Woman's University each year, and share advertisements of various messages regarding FAS prevention. God sent NK defectors, Hyunmin and Hyunjoon to share temperance pamphlets.

8. New WCTU Unions' Reports (Superintendent Mrs. Ye Jin Kim)

1) Cambodia WCTU (Missionary Mi Ja Han, the President)



On November 19, 2019, held the Temperance Lecture at Cambodia Presbyterian Seminary to 120 students. The students were workers who serve at the local churches. "It was moving for us to see them listen with much enthusiasm and take notes of the lecture. We give thanks to the Lord and give Him glory for allowing us to give a lecture at such a beautiful place." Said Mrs. Mi Ja Han.

2) Paraguay WCTU (Missionary Rev. Chang Keun Yang, the Founder)

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.



The first temperance seminar, held at the 23rd Tribal Chiefs' School during November. 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.

3) KWCTU in Philippines (Missionary Rev. Eun Ho Kim, the Founder,)



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. Missionary Eun Ho Kim, who attended the 41st WWCTU World Convention, said, "We focused on the areas notorious for youth with drug addictions; we taught them about the harms of alcohol, nicotine, and drugs. We delivered temperance pamphlets in Tagalog, and thanked the Lord for the good impact given to the youth."

Rev. Eun Ho Kim says also, "Currently, this work meets the golden time and I think it will probably last about 10 more years. We should all the more sow the seed of the Gospel. A licensed nurse, Pastor Bboy, served as main lecturer for the temperance seminar, who translated the temperance pamphlet into Tagalog. Small group discussions, followed. Pray for us as we undertake this holy ministry of God." Please pray for him, who is building dormitories to accommodate these young in danger of drug addiction.

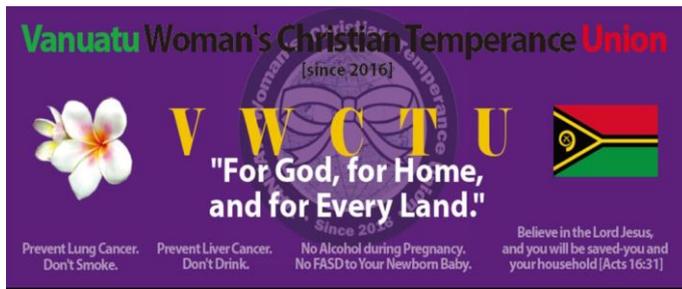
4) Thailand WCTU (Missionary Spring Chunye Kim, the Founder)

At every Christmas season at the university, MFU, all Christian mission groups and local churches are invited to present the Gospel messages and share about their activities and God's love. On November 22, 2019, in the name of Bethlehem Church and the Thai WCTU, TWCTU were given a booth. They held the event from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., sharing the Gospel and the temperance message with extra warnings about FAS. First, Professor Ayu greeted students and made Gospel tracks together, sharing the Gospel and her testimony. Missionary Kim informed the students about the harms of alcohol, nicotine, and drugs. An exchange student from Indonesia, Fisca interviewed with students to see the state of addiction on campus with questionnaires on alcohol, nicotine, and games.



They give all the glory to God, who, in the nation of Buddhism, opened a door for them to share the Gospel in public so freely during the Christmas season. Seeing the students listen to the Gospel carefully and respond with open hearts at the temperance message, they experienced anew that the Word of God is never bound. They were filled with joy, seeing the church members cooperate actively as coworkers. They offered thanksgiving prayers to God for being with them.

5) Vanuatu WCTU (Elizabeth Molly Dorodoro, the President)



The Vanuatu WCTU held her first national convention successfully from September 27 to 29, by the grace of God and by the help of financial support from many others. 50 ladies came from Santo and from other 4 islands, while 30 pastors and youth also gathered, all together 80-90 people gathered. For the first session, a lecture was given on the Influence of Narcotic Drugs on the Brain (based on the lecture of Dr. Bertha Madras of the 41st World Convention).

Three branches of the VWCTU gave reports on their works, challenging the first comers from various islands. By God's grace, their introduction of the temperance union at the National Women's Missionary Union in August on the serious state of drug addiction seemed to motivate the women of the islands to attend the temperance conference. At the end day of the conference, women from four islands decided to start small groups to pray together, returning home, to awaken homes and local societies, to lead a drug free life. At this convention, 10 women signed the pledge, and now the VWCTU has more than 50 members all together. They were truly grateful for the convention, seeing their work expand step by step. Due to geographical conditions, it seems not easy for everyone to get together at the same time. For this convention, they spent most of their fund for the transportation fees of participants from other islands and other areas. Nevertheless, by coming together, learning about the necessity of the temperance movement, and sharing knowledge on the harms of narcotic drugs, they said that they got so much strength and encouragement from one another.

Missionary Nanjoo Kim, the founder of VWCTU, is planning to visit next year all the islands where the temperance ministry has just started. They plan to hold national convention every two year. Though there may be many difficulties financially, they still see the need and effectiveness of holding conference. Missionary Nanjoo Kim is so grateful to see Martha, who attended the 41st world convention, because Martha after returning from the world convention, work harder with pastors and their wives at Talua (*The Presbyterian Seminary in Santo, Martha serving as wife of the President). They hope that God may use these weak women to cultivate this little and beautiful island Vanuatu not to be contaminated by Kava, nicotine, and marijuana, but to overflow with the tide of the Holy Spirit.

***** Please find more activity news of KWCTU branches in Australia, New Zealand, the U.S.A., and of national WCTU unions KWCTU planted in Indonesia, Mongolia, Nepal, Senegal, Wales, as well as information about contact points of the KWCTU in China, India, Japan, and Vietnam in the fieldwork reports of Dr. Jung Joo Kim at the 41st World Convention in Helsinki, now accessible in the KWCTU homepage under the World Convention (kwctu.org). The KWCTU praise the Lord for His blessing of the temperance work overseas through Korean missionaries in over 175 countries around the world - over 27,500 missionaries were sent to fields in 2015. I pray for Christians in all nations and White Ribbon Sisters for the temperance work as Paul prayed for the saints in Ephesians 3:14-19. *"For this reason I kneel before the Father from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."* *****


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