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## Friends and Sisters

The year end is fast approaching and we will be thinking of Christmas. I hope your plans include sharing good food and drink with your friends and family and sharing non-alcoholic drinks always. There are so many wonderful healthful ways to eat and drink - God's way.

## From Australia

Right now I am in Australia and heard some sad news last week. Two young men from Europe were on holiday in Sydney. They were drunk and played with a shopping trolley in the street in the middle of the night just near my daughter's house. A car hit them and one died. What a tragedy and a waste. Alcohol destroys all that is good. No one needs it. Please promote this message.

Another item of news in Australia is that half a million people here live with FASD - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder. Half of all pregnant mothers still drink alcohol. This is repeated in many parts of the world. We must keep speaking about this and tell all young women to NOT DRINK ALCOHOL. It is tragic and sad to see so many children with mental and behavioural disorders because their mother drank alcohol during her pregnancy.

## Papua New Guinea news

Another WCTU group has started in the Rabaul area of PNG where Mitroy has been speaking recently. Pray for their continued inspiration and witness to many who need to hear the WCTU message - NO to drugs, alcohol, tobacco.

## Elimination of Violence against women

Please remember **November 25 - International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.** We know that violence is perpetuated by alcohol consumption and we can let our voices be heard about this. This has always been the work of WCTU. *See resources below:*  
[http://www.adventistwomensministries.org/assets/files/EndItNow/EndItNow\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.adventistwomensministries.org/assets/files/EndItNow/EndItNow_Brochure.pdf)

## Prayer Pointers

- Please continue to pray for the growing WCTU in Africa and PNG.
- Remember to pray every day at Noon for WCTU and world leaders.
- Pray for World Convention in Ottawa, Canada, next year.

God bless you each one with courage, confidence and wisdom.

*Joy Butler*