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2013 - where are we heading?

Who is showing the way?

This last year the Australian news headlines have been dominated by violence of all kinds-

- ⇒ family violence,
- ⇒ road rage
- ⇒ murders
- ⇒ violent invasion of private parties
- ⇒ alcohol fuelled violence
- ⇒ drink driving
- ⇒ etc. etc.

Of every type of offence 29% are alcohol related. However, the recent gang rape, bashing and ultimately the murder of the Indian 23 year old female student in the Indian capital seems to cap it all for degrading, unmitigated violence against another human being. India where rape is unfortunately very common with an estimated rape every 20 minutes, hundreds of women have been demonstrating in the Indian capital in memory of the victim of that brutal gang rape. A silent march was one of several protests that have taken place in New Delhi as a debate intensifies over violence against women. Here in Australia we must not give ourselves a halo and say "it would never happen here". The major difference is that - in parts of India, daughters are not valued. It is the sons who are special.

Other countries also experience significant levels of violence e.g. about 25% of female college students in Canada experience some form of violence while in Togo widows are particularly at risk. In Singapore one in 4 women experience physical violence when pregnant. In the Marshall Islands, a woman died as a result of the beating and kicking from her husband while others played bingo outside thinking when the screaming stopped the fight was over! South Africa has high levels of violence in general and against women and girls in particular. Violence against Women in Italy is up one third on 2011 with 120 women killed in 2012.

Violence against women and family violence is a prevalent global issue that threatens the health and safety of many in the Australian community.



If there is a lesson to be learned in 2013 it is that **RESPECT** is a quality seemingly missing somewhat from our present culture. Hospital staff trying to help victims are assaulted, school teachers are threatened by unhappy parents and, here in Melbourne, security guards have been appointed to stations after incidents on trains. Everywhere we are trying to meet force with force and what will be the outcome? Whereas respect for each other would show that violence is never acceptable, never excusable in any circumstances. **SOCIETY MUST CHANGE AND WE MUST ALL SHOW OUR HANDS FOR CHANGE.**



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A global problem

Over the years, there has been a growing recognition that child labour is a serious and systemic problem in cocoa production. The governments of cocoa producing nations along with chocolate companies cannot ignore this, and increasingly neither can the governments of importing nations and their consumers - all of these parties are, after all, implicated in global networks and exchanges that perpetuate slavery, trafficking and child labour.

Responsibility spreads far and wide, and a holistic approach involving the government, farmers, chocolate producers, supermarkets and consumers is needed in order to establish tangible results.

Hundreds of thousands of children work on cocoa farms to produce chocolate consumed around the world.

Easter is upon us once again. And like every other year chocolate will be sold in vast quantities. But unbeknown to most consumers, some of the chocolate they buy will have partly been the product of slavery and child labour in West Africa.

West Africa was responsible for nearly three quarters of the 4.24 million tonnes cocoa beans produced worldwide last year - the Ivory Coast alone produced roughly 1.5 million tonnes, or one third of the world's production, while Ghana produced over 1 million tonnes. According to some research, these two countries also rely on around 1.8 million child labourers.

Regarding the Ivory Coast, some have claimed that 90% of cocoa farms use child labour, while the US Department of State estimates that over 100,000 children work under "the worst forms of child labour" on Ivorian farms. Around 15,000 children are thought to be forced to work as slaves in the Ivory Coast, and 10,000 are believed to be victims of human trafficking, largely from neighbouring Mali and Burkina Faso.

But this is not just an Ivorian or even a West African issue. The global scope of the problem becomes apparent when one considers that it is not just West African governments and farmers who are involved in the trade chain, but also chocolate manufacturers, supermarkets and finally consumers.

All the countries mentioned have signed the 1989 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child which holds that children have inalienable rights, and obligates states to promote, guarantee and respect the rights of children against violence, exploitation and hazardous work or work that interferes with their education. But the practical application of the convention is a challenge as many cocoa farms are located in remote areas and are difficult for the authorities to access.

Furthermore, underlying some farmers' decisions to replace paid labour with unpaid forced child labour are economic factors such as unstable cocoa bean prices. Moreover, children are sometimes sent away by their own parents in the expectation that they will not only be able to provide financial support for their families, but also acquire practical skills valuable for a future career. (contributed)



**Check Easter Eggs you purchase
for the Fair Trade symbol**



This and That

- in Russia **BEER** is now classified as “alcohol” as from 1st January for the first time
- *the Philippines raised tax on alcohol and cigarettes in a bid to reduce harm*
- World Health Organization recommends that India raise the price of alcohol to reduce violence
- *Indonesia considering banning alcohol as a beverage*
- Melbourne’s Exford Hotel has 24 hour Bottle Shop now the Court has stayed an application to reduce the opening hours
- *“dodgy” electrical work has caused a surge of fires in “grow” houses, where houses are held purely to grow hydroponic cannabis*
- drug dealers will receive life sentences in Indonesia
- *visitors to Amsterdam’s cafes will now be limited to coffee as locals only are now allowed to purchase marijuana from the menu*
- Sweatshops - modern slavery. There are about 20 –25 million people worldwide in situations of extreme exploitation
- *Up to 2,000 women come to Australia and are forced to work as sex slaves in Sydney and Melbourne each year.*
- Norway’s Committee on gambling reform have introduced government set maximum daily limits and player ID cards to slash their problem. 55% of the population have these cards and they must be used for all types of games and lotteries
- *Norway banned slot machines 5 years ago which led to the disappearance of an industry and 1500 losing their jobs but they say the results justify the action.*

Marijuana

Commonly causes immediate discomfort such as dry mouth, swollen eyelids, bloodshot eyes, loss of co-ordination and accelerated heart rate.

Short term hazards include anxiety and paranoia, impaired memory, difficulty in thinking, learning difficulties, lack of attention and focus poor driving skills

Long Term Hazards include respiratory problems, heightened risk of infection, poor short term memory recall, inability to shift attention normally, Inability to understand complex information, Increased tendency to lung, head and neck cancers, lack of motivation, decreased sperm count in men, irregular menstruation in women

In Washington DC and Arizona, medical marijuana was legalized on 3 Jan 2013 and many were seen lighting up under the “Space Needle” (Washington) to celebrate. However, could this picture below be labelled “BEFORE “ considering that smoking a joint is equivalent to smoking 5 tobacco cigarettes and the basis for many illnesses. Will we see an ‘AFTER’ picture?



Seven year old James was very excited- he was going to a concert. A real concert for grown-ups because his Mum said that if he heard a real pianist he might practice willingly himself! Arriving at the Concert Hall- people everywhere - they saw lots of lights and posters with pictures of a man playing a piano and his name was Paderewski. They found their seats in the very front row. The music started and James listened hard. He was allowed to tap his feet quietly to the music and clap when everyone clapped. It was great.

Interval came. James' Mum found friends to talk to and James wandered around (as kids do), jumped up and down the steps to the stage and then, well, disappeared. The lights dimmed and people sat down again and were very quiet but where was James?

Suddenly a sound was heard - a one finger version of 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star'. The curtains opened and there was James seated at the grand piano. The audience was very angry. Some shouted -"Get that boy out of here". "Don't let him play", "Take him away", "He needs a good smack"



Then suddenly Paderewski walked on stage and sat down beside James. He whispered "Keep playing" and started to play bass notes, while putting his right arm around James as he added an obligato. It was a real recital and everyone clapped and clapped- a wonderful performance -the child and the virtuoso. A loving memory that James remembered for everand so did many others.

Love is patient..

Love is kind....

WORLD CONVENTIONS -

1891— Boston Mass; USA laid the foundations for the future. All women were asked to wear the white ribbon, to pray to God at noontide, to take the motto "For God and Home and Every Land". Election of Officers by ballot resulted in Frances Willard president and Lady Henry Somerset (England) Vice president

Mrs Love, President of Victoria, spoke of the word "woman's" as singular and possessive as one woman, one heart, one soul and one purpose.

1893- Chicago, Ill; USA with 150 delegates (one Aust), Frances Willard ill in England. Jessie Ackerman, a round the world missionary reported on her travels to Australia when to gain publicity she had one hundred thousand leaflets printed just saying -

"WANTED -Ten thousand women for the WCTU" which drew attention to the cause as everyone queried what the letters stood for.

1895 - LONDON, ENGLAND. 266 voting delegates . Meetings were held in Queen's Hall, and public meetings in Royal Albert Hall, and Exeter Hall all crowded. The Lord Mayor of London gave a reception, 1,000 delegates travelled by special trains to be entertained by Lady Henry Somerset at her home. 200 pulpits were open to delegates or filled by supportive clergy and special services held in Wesley chapel, Spurgeon's Tabernacle, Westminster Abbey, and the City Temple. A list of 34 resolutions

60 years ago the 19th Convention was held in Vancouver Canada— voting strength was 375 with many more registered visitors. Speech Contest held, film and visual aids demo, drink recipes and the tradition of "Two Minute Speeches" by selected number of members continued.

2013 -39th Convention to be held in Adelaide, SA



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MRS NOLA ADAMS - it was with sadness that we heard the news that Nola had passed away 12 December last. She had been faithful, committed, energetic member of WCTU for many years. While in Samoa with her husband, she commenced a WCTU Union which still functions today. Western Australia was her home and she contributed much as State Secretary for a lengthy period as well as holding positions as a National Officer. It was frustrating to her, in her last years, that her contribution was limited by physical frailty but she inspired younger women to take up her baton and commence the newer style Union called 'Breathe'

The sale of non alcoholic wines/juices in South Australia not only offers an alternative for people to purchase but it also opens the way to inform customers of the work. A regular Christmas customer asked about our Supporters' project "Because we care Boxes" and we were able to explain the story of how this project came into being and show her the items contained in the boxes. A membership form was signed and interest expressed in helping with the next packing. She also asked if she could bring another lady along to help as she was sure her friend would love to be involved. Since the boxes commenced being distributed in the second half of the year, 90 have been delivered to the **Office of the Commissioner for Victims of Crime** and passed on as required to the various Police Distribution Centres. It was necessary to do a further urgent packing in the week running up to Christmas as the supply was nearly depleted and more were asked for to meet the expected demand over the holiday season.

There are even regular Christmas shoppers from Western Australia and Melbourne!



For a cool drink in a hurry keep a bottle of Buderim Ginger Refresher in frig. Use as a cordial topping up with cool water or soda water.



Keith Skillicorn, Associate Member of WCTU South Australia, was a finalist in the Senior of the Year 2012.

"At 89 years of age, Keith is still working tirelessly to improve the lives of others in India. He regularly travels to India to take a hands-on lead in projects such as the establishment of **clean water deep tube-wells**. Keith embraces social media as a way of garnering support for this work

which follows a lifetime devoted to the health of those less fortunate. After wartime service with the RAAF, Keith set sail for India, accompanied by his wife, Ruth, and two small sons. So began six decades treating the people of India and Bangladesh. His medical training was limited but when confronted by the ravages of disease in the poverty stricken tribal villages of central India, he taught himself. For the poorest of the poor, he was surgeon, midwife, nutritionist, and general practitioner rolled into one. He was one of those rare doctors who treated people suffering from leprosy and established a leprosy clinic in Nawadih and a mobile clinic for his team to treat around 60 patients a day, seven days a week for 20 years. Today, in this region, the disease is rare "

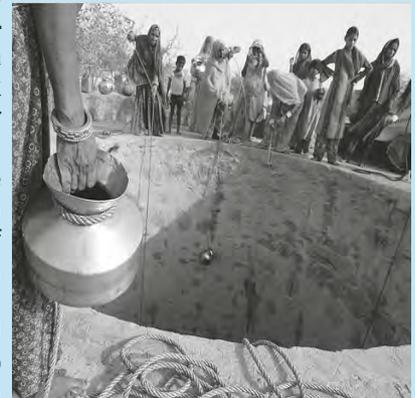


Photo - right, is of a well in India where many wells are drying up because of the constant increasing demand for water and water is being shipped in by train.

"I was thirsty and you gave me drink"

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