



A Leaf from the Ark

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*Working
together for
the Kingdom
of God*

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus.

We are thrilled to report that Ark Resources is busy lending interest free just as swiftly as funds become available, to God's people from all walks of life. In the last four months we have lent to a Pacific Island church in Auckland, and families in Paraparaumu, Morrinsville, Turangi, Hillsborough Auckland and Whakatane. We could not do so without the support of the Liberty Trust community and the continued dedication of those swiftly repaying loans to us. As quickly as funds are received in contributions and repayments, they are swiftly lent interest free to bless many more. And as more people are blessed, repay their loans and become debt free more of God's people are released into the freedom that God intends each one of His children. As we work together in community as the family of Christ we see lives turned around and prisoners released from bondage as they experience for the first time the true freedom and boundless love of God our creator and redeemer.

It's all about Whakawhanaungatanga, and Manaakitanga; honour and respect and caring for God and one another.



See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 1, 11, 16-18

Far More than we ever thought Imaginable

We are writing to thank Liberty Trust and nga whanau (families), whanau whanui (extended families) involved with Liberty Trust, for the generous opportunity given to us.

We were introduced to Liberty Trust around 1998 through a very dear friend (Debbie Sandbrook) whom my wife worked with at the time. During the years that followed, we experienced many changes. Liberty Trust has worked hard to become an extremely successful entity.

We were overjoyed to receive our interest free loan from Liberty Trust in 2012. The kindness and support that was given, allowed us to make some positive directions towards a mortgage free home and also to have more time to spend with our children (Jody, Melanie and Hone) and grandchildren (Tia, Mackey, Tama, Harper and Te Arahi).

The financial solution that was made possible through Liberty Trust was far more than we ever thought imaginable and we were always confident our opportunity would come one day. Liberty Trust services, support and friendship go far beyond what we have experienced from many other financial institutions out there. Life as never before holds exciting possibilities for our family as we become a lot more confident of our future ahead.

Thank you Liberty Trust, and God Bless.

He rangimarie taku e waiho nei ki a koutou, tenei taku rangimarie te hoatu nei e ahau ki a koutou.

E kore e rite ki ta te ao hoatu taku hoatu ki a koutou. Kei pouri o koutou ngakau, kei matakau.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give to you.

*Let not your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.*

John 14:27

Heoi ano mo tenei wa
John and Raewyn Harrison



Jody, Melanie, Hone, Raewyn and John in Pawarenga, Northland

God's Kingdom come in home-town Turangi

Micah 6: 1

Listen to what the LORD says: "Stand up, plead my case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say. "Hear, you mountains, the LORD's accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.

For some 40 years I've lived in the city, ministering in reconciliation through community and transformational development. Since moving back to my home town of Turangi in March of this year, the surrounding country side, its lakes, rivers and mountains, has given me a renewed appreciation of the wonders of God's creation and love for us all.

Our daughter Hannah recently shared some reflections she had on Micah 6 that added to the significance of the "mountains" especially in relation to the people of God. According to Micah, God calls on creation and the mountains as witness to both His covenant and charges against His people. They bear witness to His everlasting love and faithfulness and to their unfaithfulness.

In our modern world, we too find it easy to forget what the mountains remember. Our own unfaithfulness and lack of trust in God cause us to turn to coping mechanisms even more destructive than the problems we create. Blame and guilt consumes us, sapping energy, time and resources. God designed and created us to be loved. We must share that story and live it out as a family.

As Thelma and I prepared for our move, we prayed that Gods Kingdom would come and that His will would be done here on earth, here in my home town of Turangi, just as it is in heaven". Opportunity was given for me to purchase back land that had once been in my family for generations and had been passed down from my great, great, grandmother to my great grandmother then to my grandmother and finally my mother and her brothers and sisters. It was where I was born and grew up as a child into my mid- teens. Apart from our homestead, the rest of the land had been purchased by the crown and a maternity hospital facility had been built on the site to service the needs of the town's people. Now it was about to go on the market for sale.

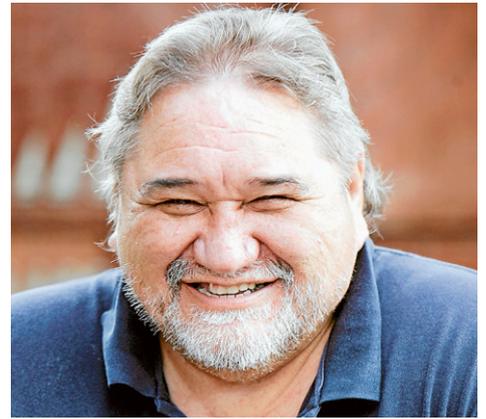
In every way it suited our circumstance. It met both family and ministry needs. It would restore traditional whanau/family land and also give us a real tangible presence among our people. But raising the funds to purchase the property was a challenge. At times it seemed impossible. We also faced significant opposition from some extended family members.

Through God's wonderful provision Liberty Trust and Ark Resources Ltd were able to facilitate our lending requirements. On the 5th of July 2013 we took possession of the land and its assets.

Because of the commitment and vision of Liberty Trust, the grandeur of the mountains of Tongariro, Ngaruahoe and Ruapehu and the beauty of creation of the Volcanic Plateau and Central Districts of the North Island will continue to bear witness to God's love and faithfulness for generations to come.

Thank you,

Sam and Thelma Chapman & family



Sam & Thelma Chapman have spent many years helping gangs, youths and at risk communities, those who have lost hope or been rejected by society, through Awhi Community Development. Awhi means to nurture and care for ones you love with their future wellbeing in mind. In Otago they established and lived in a cluster of six houses called a "multicultural urban marae" – where everyone was welcome. Some of their highest profile work was with the Mongrel Mob's Notorious Chapter and where they assisted over 30 gang members in a 16-year period to completely turn their lives around. Sam & Thelma also founded the first computer clubhouse and homework centre in Otago, which transitioned into the High Tech Youth Network, of which Sam is its present Chairman. Thelma established the Awhi Whanau Early Childhood Centre in Otago and is today the National Co-ordinator of the Christian Early Childhood Association of Aotearoa. A lifetime of devotion and dedication to work that gives glory to God was recognized in 2010, when Sam became a recipient of Kiwibank's New Zealander of the Year Local Heroes Award.

Ark Resources was pleased to be able to assist Sam & Thelma to purchase the 3 acre, 30 bedroom family property in Turangi to provide a home for themselves and a facility from which to continue their incredible work.

