



# A Leaf from the Ark

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Hello, it's great to be able to send you these testimonies written by folks grateful to be a part of God's plan for His people - pooling resources and helping one another. Graham and Colleen Thurman (below) were the first to repay their interest free loan and have recently written to express their thanks and the new freedom they enjoy as a result of being debt free. Over the page is a marvellous testimony from Tony and Lynette Collis. They are involved in full time evangelism with Open Air Campaigners and have recently received their interest free loan.

We have been able to give eight interest free mortgages to God's people since June. These include three young families and a widow with children. Our next loan is for a young family anticipating their fourth child and wishing to upgrade from their present two bedroom home. We look forward to sharing their testimonies with you as well.

## New Freedom

We didn't know whether to join as our mortgage was down to \$20,000 with nine more years to run and manageable. However we heard that by joining we would be helping others and so we joined.

We had three children at school and an old car and Colleen was working part time, and finance was tight. I can still remember arriving home from work one night and Colleen telling me, "Guess, what, our interest free loan is available". I was amazed.

It seemed just unbelievable that we had received our interest free loan so fast. We had only joined to help others and here we were getting blessed ourselves. It really was amazing. Originally we were paying 23% interest when we took out our mortgage, and financially things were still tough. Altogether I think it cut down our mortgage from 9 years to 4 years. I understand that not only were we the first to receive but also were the first to repay our mortgage.



Graham & Colleen receiving their loan contract from Kelvin and John Bartley back in 1989

That brought a new sense of freedom to our lives. Suddenly we were able to make decisions and serve God in new ways. We could then begin to give in more directions without the pressure of having to always count our pennies. Undoubtedly this is the freedom that God wants His people to live in - to be able to pay the bills as soon as they are due and to owe no man anything, without the bondage of financial pressure. We pray that this will become a reality soon in your lives.

Graham & Colleen Thurman

# Evangelists Equipped



Tony & Lynette Collis and their five children Luke, Ashleigh, John, Richard & Jackson live in Wainuiomata

For the last twelve years we have been waiting patiently for our interest free loan and now we have it! Was it worth the wait? Sure was. I am an evangelist and have been in 'faith based' ministry for almost all of that time. It is thrilling to know that every month a chunk of our loan is whacked off.

By the time we have paid off our home we will have saved tens of thousands of dollars and a number of years. We are also thrilled with being part of a scheme that empowers others to do the same. We are pleased to be part of the many families who have benefited and will benefit from having their own loan and thrilled to be the recipient of their vision and support. Thankyou



## Lessons from Noah's Ark

- x Don't miss the boat.
- x Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- x Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- x Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- x Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- x Build your future on high ground.
- x For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- x Speed isn't always an advantage.  
The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- x When you're stressed, float a while.
- x Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- x No matter the storm, there's always a rainbow waiting.



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