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Seven Year Holiday!

We are delighted to announce a seven-year holiday from contributions on all existing and new Ark Resources loans from 1 January 2003. We are able to grant this contribution holiday because of the capital built up by our pioneers, who received tremendous financial blessing during times of high interest. Therefore our normal term of repayment will reduce from 8.3 years to seven years – praise the Lord, isn't that exciting!

God does not desire us to be burdened with long-term debt and seven years was a maximum period of debt in the Old Testament (Deut 15). This will enable everyone to be debt free sooner so they can give in greater measure to the Kingdom of God. Thank you Lord, Your principles last forever.

Graham & Judy Turner

Graham & Judy met at Hamilton Teachers College and once married moved to Whakatane in 1979 where they involved themselves in the Whakatane Christian Fellowship church in Children's Church, Youth Group and Eldership roles. They were also involved in numerous inter-church and para-church activities and evangelistic outreaches. Sixteen years ago they pioneered the Ohope Christian Fellowship church where they shared the pastoral role until July last year.

Both had desired to see God's kingdom and principles having a direct influence in the political arena and after considering involvement with the main political parties, Graham became actively involved with the Christian Heritage Party once it became obvious that MMP was likely to succeed. Judy joined in when the Christian Coalition produced a more inclusive ideology of Christian beliefs. She stood as the local candidate in her electorate in 1996, and again for Future NZ (previously Christian Democrats) in 1999. Graham's role during these times was to organise the campaigns.

It was a major shock when Peter Dunne, leader of the new United Future coalition, was received so well during a television debate. This produced a totally unexpected result and launched Judy as a Member of Parliament responsible for the implementation of the brand new Ministry of Family Affairs. The Labour Party need United Future's backing to get a majority and this allows for minor adjustments as they find agreement. Judy absolutely loves her new occupation and the challenges it brings as she and her Christian colleagues in parliament seek God's guidance as they learn the political art of wise compromise that little-by-little restores the values and hopes we all desire. What the future holds they have no idea but meanwhile Judy will serve God in parliament while Graham continues to pastor the church at Ohope.



Josh, Lyndall, Ben, Judy & Graham

No Comparison

In July of this year we were finally able to uplift our own Ark Mortgage.

We had originally paid into the fund for a number of years to assist Judy's sister and her husband, who were missionaries with YWAM. Once their ballot had been drawn they were able to quickly reduce the debt owed on their house in Hamilton while we were then able to start paying in for ourselves.



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We now have Traction!



One of the portions of Scripture we have been memorising with our older children is Psalm 23. It begins 'The Lord is my shepherd I shall not be in want'. Not only is it exciting for our children to be hiding God's Word in their hearts, but it is a great nightly reminder to Paul and myself that God will provide all our growing needs. Not only is God increasing in our lives His patience, love and peace that passes all understanding, but He continues to supply our physical needs also.

We received our loan in December 2001 and since then it has been exhilarating to watch the amount we owe plummeting!! We now have traction and are so grateful to the team who, in their obedience and faithfulness to God, are making this happen for so many—thanks guys!

Our story is not yet complete as the two-bedroomed home we are in is beginning to feel very small, but we know that God will continue to provide us with all we need, as we continue to walk in obedience to Him.

Paul and Jenni Lassing
Edgecumbe



Paul & Jenni with Aidan (6), Abigail (5), Mirian (3) & Jacob (9 months)

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Right from the beginning we could see the potential such a scheme could provide in assisting families to break free of the crippling mortgage rates prevalent at the time - 18-20%. Over the years we have been continually amazed at the way the ballot fell, providing usually for the most needy families to have their names drawn. To me, the major strength of the initial system was the allowance of the God-Factor through the balloting of names.

So many families have paid off their mortgages in such a short time, this has got to be one of the best of such schemes available in NZ. Credit must go to Bruce McDonald for having the vision to push for such a scheme in the first place. But as with all successful God-ventures there are always the faithful enablers who follow after the visionaries and actually bring what is hoped for into reality. I would like to thank the faithful team of workers and trustees whose unselfish giving over many, many years has enabled this to continue and flourish.

When we compare the amount of money we will eventually pay, with what it would have cost us borrowing through the bank there is no comparison. To be able to build our house in Ohope we needed to borrow money (interest only) from Judy's family, but it was reassuring to know that in just a few years our interest free mortgage would come up and then we'd be able to pay off the principal quickly.

Thank you Ark Resources
Pastor Graham Turner



You can be sure
that God will
take care of every-
thing you need,
His generosity
exceeding even
yours in the
glory that pours
from Jesus.

Philippians 4 v 19 (TM)