



# A Leaf from the Ark

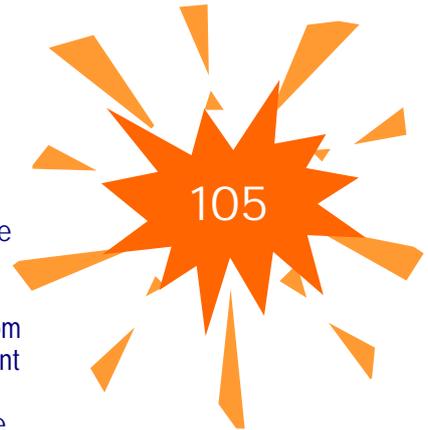
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Six more mortgages have been released since our last newsletter to saints from Awakeri, Orewa, Waitakeri City, Tauranga, Hamilton, and Whakatane.

One hundred and five households and churches have now received the blessing of interest free home financing. We currently have sixty mortgages being repaid and forty-five have been able to completely repay their mortgages. We trust they are enjoying the freedom to live and give the way God guides them.



In this newsletter we are blessed to include a letter from Leo and Ingrid Geerlings who assisted the establishment of Liberty Trust by preparing a useful computer program. Now, almost 14 years later we see all these computer predictions have come to pass, over \$2.6 million has been received for the Kingdom of God and over one hundred saints have received the blessing of an interest free loan.

"The Lord works in mysterious ways" is a well-worn cliché. It is also very true. In August 1997 I was made redundant from my job in Edgecumbe. We moved our family to Hastings hoping to make a new start. Apart from the spiritual side, nothing much worked there. The last place I wanted to move to was Auckland. But wouldn't you know it, after wandering for three years in a financial desert, an ex employer (from Edgecumbe) managed to hunt me down and made me a decent job offer. It was an offer I could not refuse, but it did involve moving to Auckland. Initially we rented a house in South Auckland, but then proceeded to plan building a house.



We were some of the early members of Liberty Trust. As soon as Kelvin started talking to me about the principles of the trust I believed in it. And I always said: "Even if we are the last people to receive a loan, it is always going to be a good scheme". But how is this for perfect timing; we received the news from Kelvin that our loan was available right at the time we needed to arrange finance for our new house in South Auckland. So the Lord works not only in mysterious but also in wonderful ways.

Ingrid and I thank and praise the Lord for the trustees of Liberty Trust who have been steadfast in their vision. Owning a house in Auckland seemed almost an impossible dream. But thanks to you it has all become reality. The Lord bless you heaps!

Leo & Ingrid Geerlings



Ken is a mechanic with a passionate ministry to at-risk children & young teens

Be strong and courageous do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6

Knowing that God has my best interest and future in the palm of His hand can be both a huge comfort and also a frustration. While waiting for my interest free loan, I experienced both of these emotions. I understood my contributions to Liberty Trust was sowing and when I received a loan that was the harvest. But "waiting", that I only thought I understood.

Learning how to wait on Gods answers between sowing and the harvest and even how to fully trust Him for the timing has probably been the greatest benefit for me. I finally obtained my house just before accepting my Ark Resources loan. Now I will be debt free in 8 years instead of 25! I feel that receiving my loan is only icing on the cake and the cake itself is what God needed to teach me during the wait.

Bless you all, Ken Habgood

We are pleased to include this stirring testimony and poem from Evan Harvey, our loans officer.

It started in Masterton when my wife first saw the light, and became a Christian, but the cantankerous man was not interested. Several times that I went to church and said the right things, but the heart was never in it.



We moved to Edgecumbe in 1987, where I was the Accountant (Office Manager) of the local bank. We were to be greeted this year by the Edgecumbe earthquake. This was a time when I was able to see myself and the way I would act in difficult times. Little was I to know that this experience was to help me in the future. On the 3rd March 1988 a banker's worst fear was realised, at 4:03 pm two masked gunmen came into the Bank, one holding a sawn-off 12 gauge shotgun. We were ordered to the floor; unfortunately the carpet was glued down, making it impossible for me to crawl under it!

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After this it was as though God was trying to tell me something. The first thing was that the main witness to the robbery was a Christian, and we became good friends. And it was about this time that the local chemist started to drop invites for me to attend Full Gospel Business meetings. All of those invitations helped in my accuracy with shooting goals (rubbish tin), as when he left I would screw them up and toss them over my shoulder. I became very proficient at making the basket backwards. His insistence paid off, and finally I went to a meeting in June 1988, where I was to accept the Lord and be Born Again.

WE LOOK OUTSIDE THE CLOUDS PASS BY  
THE LIGHT DOES WANE THE SUN CAN'T SHINE,  
THE SKY GETS DARK, THE CLOUDS GET THICK  
THE RAIN WILL FALL THE GROUND GETS WET.

IT IS STRANGE THAT LIFE'S LIKE TO SEE,  
HOW THE CLOUDS HINDER THE SUN'S PURITY,  
THEY SWIRL AND SWALLOW THE SUN'S PURE LIGHT,  
IT TURNS OUR FEAR OUR HOPES TAKE FLIGHT.

THE TRUTH THE PAIN THE HURT THE LOSS  
WE WALK AROUND THE TRUTH IS LOST.  
THE DARKNESS, THE LOSS, OUR HOPE ALL GONE,  
REJECTION, THE SORROW THE WORLD THE STRAIN.

THE ROAD IS DARK, THE WAY IS HIDDEN,  
A LONG DARK TUNNEL, NO LIGHT, NO HEAVEN,  
WALK ON WE STUMBLE, WE WALK WITH FEAR,  
IN THE DISTANCE A GLOW A LIGHT SO CLEAR,

THE SON THE TRUTH THE WAY OUR HOPE,  
WAY IN THE DISTANCE, ALL OURS TO COPE,  
DOWN ON A KNEE WE PRAY WITHOUT CEASING,  
FOR THE SON TO SHINE THE DARK TO BE FLEETING

THE SON THE ROAD NO ROCKS NO HOLES,  
HIS WAY OUR HOPE NO PAIN BE BOLD,  
HIS GRACE TO GATHER, HIS WAY TO BE  
WE FOLLOW HIM, HIS LOVE WE SEE.

E Harvey 2001

Since then life has been turbulent, culminating in redundancy from the bank in 1996. This was a time of great hurt, and self-doubt. This poem (see right) goes someway to putting into words some of the feelings that I had. I can only say that there had to be someone looking after me. Since that date I have tried many differing jobs. Tour guide, store-man, mortgage broker commission agent, and school bus driver, none of them for a long length of time.

Then in early 2003 I was approached by Ark Resources to see if I would consider being their loans officer. As was pointed out to me my banking background would be of great assistance. I agreed to attend some meetings to see what it was all about, and in March accepted the position. I have found that working with people committed to Christian principles has made it relatively easy, and a pleasure to do the work.

