



A Leaf from the Ark

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Welcome to our Spring newsletter.

Martin Tyrrell, director and shareholder of Ark Resources has moved to Papamoa and asked us to accept his resignation. Thank you Martin, we have so appreciated your commitment, commonsense. Your skills and humour will be greatly missed. We wish you and Jenny well in your new community.

This month our members have provided an interest free loan for a Flaxmere pastor and family. Next we will lend to an Ohope family and in November we will provide two loans, one for a West Auckland family and the other to a Christchurch household, and we hope to squeeze in a loan to Tauranga before Christmas.

We trust you will enjoy these testimonies of God's faithfulness to His people.

My dear, dear friends,
stand your ground.
And don't hold back.

Throw yourselves into the work
of the Master, confident that
nothing you do for Him is a
waste of time or effort.

1 Cor 15 v 51,58
The Message



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*Birds have bills
And they still sing*



On behalf of my family, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the founders of liberty trust. It has always impressed me how they, upon hearing God, had the obedience and diligence to see the establishment of a vision of such scale and significance.

For us, participation with Liberty Trust has really been one of the opportunities of a lifetime.

I have read in some testimonials mention of the length of time from beginning contributions to when an interest free loan becomes available. For me, it's a little scary how quickly this period of time has elapsed. Another unexpected effect is the psychological relief experienced when our home repayments were redirected to our Ark Resources loan. Although the outgoings are about the same, it's incredible to see a significant dent made in our debt every month rather than chipping away at a seemingly immovable mortgage. In some sense it feels like we have become debt free as we have been released from the great burden of mortgage interest.

One thought that has come home to me as I have considered the blessing of Liberty Trust, is how every purchase made while repaying a mortgage, effectively attracts interest for the duration of the mortgage. For example if cash is used to buy a fridge that could have been paid to reduce the principle on a 15 year mortgage, 2 or 3 times the ticket price of the fridge will be paid over 15 years. If the fridge is financed by hire purchase it could cost you 4 or 5 times the ticket price!

A Scripture that has always amazed me concerning finance is found at the end of Matthew 17. What strikes me is Jesus knows exactly where the money is and how easily he can get it. There is enough money to meet the present need, for him and for the one who happens to be along side him. He sends Peter to get it, he doesn't go himself. Peter gets to go fishing, not spend the day working.

Greetings to you,

Mark Wilding and family, Hastings



Aroha, Olivia, Stephen and Mark Wilding

God's Wider Picture



I jumped at the opportunity when I heard mention that a small house was available to purchase. For some 9 years I had rented a self-contained sleep-out and was on what I reckoned was a reasonable wage. Because of my age, the bank shortened the mortgage down from 25 to 15 years. Only a year previously, news of Liberty Trust came to me, so I had started contributions and copies of "Liberty Matters" informed me of how different ones benefited.

Life just continued, a business partnership failed, wages were lost and I became a beneficiary. I had to move what remained of the plant to my home and struggle to keep it going. One third of my floor space is taken up by the equipment. Through all this, God is faithful. As in Ps. 127:1, "Unless the LORD builds the house. . . its not gonna happen!"

My faith was tried in many ways. Interest levels arose & fell, so it was a 'bolt from the blue' when advice came that a loan to me was imminent. This came through so fast, I was amazed. Then also to find my repayments are quite affordable is an added blessing.

Many thanks to all the Liberty Staff, who encourage us, as well as carefully administer this grace to all recipients. I see Liberty Trust as part of God's wider picture, His great plan for mankind, for those who search for His ways and His personal plan for them.

Ross Harvie , Tauranga

Balance of Life - Giving and Receiving

Helping others has always been an important part of our Christian walk. We have always felt the blessings of God through giving and serving others.

Since Liberty Trust was launched we have contributed two memberships. The first loan offer we gave away. When the second was available we sat and contemplated as to what it was best to be put to.

Giving and receiving - receiving is also important, not necessarily comfortable but we knew that our home was a place of hospitality and so the decision to use the second loan on renovating our own house was made. And we have certainly gained great pleasure in welcoming people into the home and garden on so many occasions and we know this will continue.

We appreciate the opportunity to be a blessing to others and receive the blessing with thankfulness.

Robert & Liz Cleland

