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Hello and seasons greetings!

We hope you are well and keeping warm. Firstly we are thrilled to welcome Robyn Rutherford as a new director and shareholder of Ark Resources. Over the page we have a testimony from a super couple, Grant & Abby Bateson, who received their interest free loan in April.



Since our Autumn newsletter we have lent to five households to total over \$1 million in interest free lending in the last twelve months.

Our accounts to 31 March have been audited and are available from us or at www.libertytrust.org.nz/financials.htm. While you are there, have a browse through some of the 100 wonderful testimonies describing how God is using interest free lending to set free and bless His people.

But if anyone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need and refuses to help—how can God's love be in that person?

Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions.

1 John 3 v 17-18



Introducing our new director: Robyn Rutherford

In February 1987 Robyn Rutherford, with husband Rob and boys Evan, 8, and Brent, 10, came to New Zealand from Melbourne on a 12 month teaching exchange. They arrived just three weeks before the Edgecumbe earthquake. Rob became Co-ordinator of Waiariki Polytechnic, with special interests in business studies and computers, the boys attended local schools, and Robyn, a qualified primary teacher, became involved in various parts of the community, including the Whakatane Baptist Church.

Despite the shaky start (!) the Rutherfords found that life in Whakatane had a special charm and, after family discussion, they decided to stay another year. Eighteen years on, the charm, and the Rutherfords, remain.

During the six years Rob was at Waiariki Polytechnic Robyn took advantage of many opportunities. Initially, a parent help at both the boy's schools, she attended many outings and camps—joined cubs for a time, and assisted in youth groups at church. She was offered a full time position as teacher aide at Te Hiranui IHC school where she then progressed to a paid assistant and finally having her own class—a position with challenges and opportunity for self development. Robyn also joined St John Ambulance and



We are pleased to welcome Robyn Rutherford, of the Whakatane Baptist Church to our board. Robyn & her husband own & manage Jasco Distributing Ltd.

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Looking forward to being debt free

I first had the opportunity to become involved with Liberty Trust when I became aware of a couple who were contributing but needed cash immediately to purchase their own home. I was able to help them and they gifted to me their membership. This was an awesome opportunity to enable them to purchase their home, while at the same time allowing me to be involved in Liberty Trust, which I believe is a brilliant concept and ministry.

Abby and I got married and moved into our 1st home in September last year (Both these events have been great!!!!). We picked up our loan approximately 1 month ago and we are looking forward to seeing how the benefit of this loan will enable us to become debt free earlier so that in turn we can give into other ministries and to meet people's needs when God presents them to us.

Gods faithfulness and provision are amazing and we find it a total privilege to be involved in something which is involved in setting people free in the financial area and to give us the opportunity to give back a little of what He has given us.

Grant & Abby Bateson



Do good,
be rich in good deeds,
be generous and
be willing to share.
In this way you will
lay up treasure
as a firm foundation
for the coming age,
so that you may
**take hold of the life
that is truly life!**

1 Timothy 6:18-20

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spent some time as a volunteer ambulance nursing aide and as a teacher of first aid to adults and children.

After six years Robert realised a life-time dream and the couple bought Jasco Distributing—a busy wholesale distribution company. Initially in partnership, the couple now own the company and have expanded the business to Taupo and Rotorua—now employing a dedicated staff of 16 kiwis. Along the way they have invested in a number of residential properties, both for themselves and as rental investments. Robyn is involved in the administration and management of their business but takes time out each week to teach Bible in Schools to a local primary school class.

The boys are now happily married, Brent to Allison, an Aussie, and Evan to Kate, a Kiwi. Brent and Allison and live in Sydney where Brent is planning manager for Apple Computers. Evan is in his final year of a degree in primary teaching and lives locally.

Although Robyn and Rob left large and happy extended families in Melbourne—and miss the closeness those families bring, they have never regretted their decision to remain in Whakatane and now feel as much at home here as they did in Melbourne.

We are thrilled to welcome Robyn to our board of directors and know our discussions and decisions will be blessed by her wisdom, encouragement and practical experience.

