



A Leaf from the Ark

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We have been pleased to give out two more loans so far this quarter, one to a young family and the other to a prominent full time evangelist and his wife. We have also had four loans fully repaid, three were repaid early to bless others. Thank you. Now 76 of the 144 loans given have been repaid.

We are preparing loan statements for the year ended 31 March and will get these to you shortly. You will be pleased to see how quickly your balance is dropping.

You will enjoy the three testimonies in this newsletter from interesting and talented New Zealanders who have been blessed by receiving an interest free loan.

We are pleased to welcome John Bartley to our team of directors. John was a founding trustee and our first loans officer until his departure to UK eight years ago. We are thrilled to have him back on board.



To Nepal and Back

Well the concept sounded good. Contribute money into a fund to provide interest free loans to allow people to break free from mortgages. After a period of time receive an interest free loan yourself to help break free from mortgage.

This was a concept Shirley and I found hard to argue with because of our own experiences. Twelve years earlier we had experienced the blessing of getting free from mortgages and this had put us in a position where we were free to follow God's call to serve in Nepal for six years with International Nepal Fellowship. That had been a precious time in our lives when we learnt many lessons, saw God's provision, experienced His leading and watched our children grow physically, emotionally and spiritually. Then came the time to return to New Zealand, re-settle and get back into the workforce as well as support children through High -school and on into training. Part of the support we felt led to provide put us back into a mortgage situation with the purchase of a house in close vicinity to a university, to answer the accommodation needs of young Bonds during their study years.

Time passed and the mortgage remained, until recently we received the wonderful news, earlier than expected, that an interest free loan was now available. The concept that sounded good has turned to reality and we are now starting to see the amount owing on the house visibly decreasing due to the power of interest free. Every cent that goes in is now actually achieving something. What a blessing this is and we are so thankful to the Liberty team, who had this vision and were obedient and persistent in making it work. We feel privileged to be among those who have been blessed by this concept.



Trevor & Shirley Bond used their debt free home to support their work in Nepal and came back to it when they returned to New Zealand. Shirley is a Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour working with children of a range of disabilities across a number of schools. Trevor is an educational consultant, a private provider to schools throughout New Zealand. Upon their return they joined Liberty Trust and have now used their interest free loan for their children.

My Latest Chapter

About a year and a half before my husband took his life, God just spoke to me one morning and said "Every morning when you wake up I want you to say 'It is a brand new day full of surprises and you are going to look for God's goodness in every surprise'". Little did I know ... God was preparing me for the biggest surprise of my life...

Not all surprises are good! But with His constant confirmation during the mourning process to only look up not down, continually telling me and reaffirming me to put my total focus on Him, "My Latest Chapter" began ...

I found this was not always easy to do, but God was also teaching me obedience which follows trust. (One of my favourite songs as a child "Trust and Obey".) So as I continued one day at a time, another story ... reality took place! Registration ... Bills ... Petrol ... Oil ... Tyres ... Shopping - now that was hard - seeing people!! - another story ... Then the little thing of something called GST ... Now what in the world is that??

I found out soon enough!! I received a letter from a government department which said "Tiki Take" or something like that, telling me that I owed this huge amount of money, which I didn't have, and the second letter confirming that if I didn't pay it I would go to jail! Like I really needed this news!

These letters were like from another world until I remembered I had just read Merlin Carother's book, "Prison to Praise" - awesome teaching!!! One of God's coincidences!!! In this 'coincidental' book the instructions were to apply a biblical truth "In everything give thanks". It worked!! Odd how truth works when we apply it!

So before the GST helper man came I began just praising the Lord. "Yeah! I am going to prison. I won't have to cook any more. No more dishes! No more housework! There'll be friends all around! ..."

And the GST man (who was a Christian) said "It is all Nil!" No prison!

This might seem silly to you readers but when I found myself in this situation and feeling so alone, my mate gone, it truly was the next step in my salvation. The most loving and largest step God has given me ... So through this God led me to Liberty Trust and now God's storehouse has repaid my mortgage interest free, which has given me a greater financial freedom to be able to go to help my children in a time of real need.

I am not a scholar but God has given me a handle to grab a hold of at all times from Thessalonians 5: 16-18:

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks - for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Praising the Lord has enabled me to carry on for this last exciting chapter with a peace and joy that truly passeth all understanding.

Sincerely with thanks and love *Marylynn*



Marylynn is well known for her log cabin café in the Waioeka Gorge. She is loved as a chaplain and Bible in Schools teacher in two Opotiki primary schools.

*How great is the love of
the Lord toward us.
That we should be called
the children of God!
1 John 3:1*

16 March 2006

Thank you very much for the use of the interest free loan I have been using over the past few years. Because of this loan other members of my family have been blessed.

I have always been impressed by Liberty Trust and that both God's work and people can be supported. I hope at some later date I will re-join so that my next generation will gain the benefits of Liberty Trust.

God bless you all

Kenneth Miller

