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Warm winter greetings to you all,

Isn't it great to read testimonies of God's goodness. This newsletter includes letters from the Greenfield family who recently repaid their interest free loan, the Aranas family who have opened their home to others and, over the page, Ziggy and Raewyn Lesa of Dunedin and Rev Iain and Alison Dickson, of Te Puke Presbyterian, who have worked together using their loans for a home and a rental.

During May & June one mortgage was repaid and five new mortgages were lent.



The Greenfield family would like to thank the members of the Liberty Trust, for their donations. The faith in Gods work to make people mortgage free.

We are one of the foundation members, that believed in the vision, and now the membership has grown.. Since then more people are enjoying the fruits they have sown.

Thank you all, we will be mortgage free as at the end of this month.

Thank you God for these blessings.

*The Greenfield Family, Kawerau
26 April 2007*



Deuteronomy 28:1-15 speaks that if we fully obey the Lord our God and carefully follow all of His commands then He will bless you.

We started contributing to Liberty Trust in the mid 1990's. It was a new idea for us, even though we had heard some convincing evidence that the concept would work and had been successful in Whakatane.

Our future circumstances were uncertain. We were recent arrivals back into New Zealand. Bobby had no work and was a new immigrant from a blacklisted country, (which brought its own dimension as we battled through the system). We were newly married and expecting a baby. Our plans at that time were to return back into mission work after our baby was born overseas. Home ownership was not on our list. Yet we felt strongly that joining Liberty Trust was something the Lord wanted us to do.

Now eleven years on we have three children Joshua, Joel and Aimee. We ended up staying and entering into a different ministry. The Lord spoke to us to open our home for those that were in need. A friend experiencing severe depression was the first to live with us. We have since had in our home others struggling with mental illness, intellectually handicapped, or other behavioural issues. Sometimes we have had ones just arrive on our doorstep. We haven't sought out anyone, but have been called or approached. Currently we have an adult intellectually handicapped lady and a young teenager with us.

When it came time for us to buy a home a few years ago, we could confidently purchase knowing that Liberty Trust would release us from debt well before we retired. Receiving our Liberty Trust Loan last year has meant that we will save an incredible amount of time and money paying off a bank loan. We have chosen to set up another contribution with the goal of our children being able to own their own homes, something that is becoming more and more difficult to do. We want our children to be blessed in the same way we have been.

Bobby and Evelyn Aranas, Tauranga

Far more beneficial than helping the Bank!

It's awesome to be writing a testimony to God's faithfulness through Liberty Trust.

The long awaited words arrived August last year. The money was coming available for our interest free loans. The many positive stories we had heard and read over the years encouraged us to stick with it and believe this moment would come.

My sister and I, and our obliging husbands, joined Liberty Trust in October 1996. Shortly after, both of our obliging husbands decided to study full time; meaning a shift to Dunedin for Ziggy and myself. Finding the money each month became increasingly difficult for all of us, and along with the skyrocketing house prices, it took a lot of discipline at times to hang in there.

We encouraged each other saying that at least we were saving something towards owning homes of our own one day.



Encouraging letters from people who had received their loans also kept the motivation up. We believed that when our time came, we would be able to get a property as God's timing is always perfect (although at the time we couldn't see how!)

Ziggy, on completion of his studies, moved into a job where a house was provided. This was a huge blessing and allowed us to buy a property. We were doubly blessed when at the same time, Alison and Iain moved to Dunedin to finish Iain's training to be a Reverend. At the end of 3 years, we had somehow managed to buy a rental property together in Dunedin using the first property as security. Liberty Trust came to the rescue soon after, God's perfect timing!

This summer has seen us back together again in Dunedin renovating the rental and marveling at God's timing and provision. Thank you Liberty Trust for making home ownership possible in this time of increasing house prices.

Looking back over the past 10 years, how fast it has gone. We have continued our membership as we fully believe Liberty Trust's Biblical concept – helping each other is far more beneficial than helping the Bank!

Thank you Evan for your ease at which you made a more complicated mortgage so simple. We are incredibly grateful to all the staff / trustees of Liberty Trust and to our God who is so faithful.

“To your brother you shall not charge interest, that the Lord your God may bless you”.
Deut. 23:20.

Liberty Trust / Ark Resources is certainly blessed, and what a privilege to be recipients of that blessing!

God bless,

Ziggy & Raewyn Lesa, Rev Iain & Alison Dickson

