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An interest free
lending company,
for the glory of
God. Dt 23:19

Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus. Firstly we would like to farewell & thank John Bartley for his time as a director of Ark Resources and welcome Jonathan Segedin as a new director. Jonathan has been a master builder, chairperson of our High School board of trustees, and a long-term trustee of his church and of Liberty Trust and we welcome his wisdom & experience.

We have been busy since our June newsletter lending to households in Palmerston North, Tauranga, Napier & Australia (secured by their Wellington home). We have also been investigating the possibility of extending our lending to include Australian homes—for the benefit of the many Kiwis crossing the ditch. We'll keep you posted.

We are pleased to include in this newsletter testimonies from three wonderful families; the Taylors from Wellington (below), and over the page the Goumans from Christchurch & the Ussher family from Palmerston North.



John & Jeanie accepting our
Thank You card.

Adonai's Faithful Provision

We were given a brochure about Liberty Trust from a friend in Tauranga. Reading about Kingdom principles and sowing into Adonai's (Lord) Kingdom for the future made sense. Soon after we started contributing to Liberty Trust.

We wanted to buy a house for our growing family. Although mortgage rates dropped to 4% we knew that they would climb again. We could foresee the benefit of not having to pay interest and paying off a mortgage quicker to help those around us in need. The realization that our mortgage could be paid off far faster than with a bank brought joy to our hearts that we could not only read the Truth in the Bible but be given an opportunity to walk in obedience to what we were reading.

Stephanie had two sons when I married her and we have since had three more children. Raising a large family can be very costly without the expense of a mortgage. We have seen Adonai's faithful provision on many occasions, whether it be food, clothing, and now an interest free mortgage. Having an interest free mortgage means we are able to plan our financial future with more certainty.

As a family we are deeply involved in the Jewish community. We participate in the Messianic Fellowship which meets in our home. As a family we observe the Lord's festivals. Hosea 9:5 "What will you do on the day of your appointed feasts, on the festival days of the Lord?" (NIV) We wish to encourage you that they are not specifically Jewish festivals but His festivals, and when celebrated in a Jewish way bring more depth and meaning.

We wish to bless and encourage you all as you continue your walks of obedience.

Numbers 6:24-26

May Adonai (Lord) bless you and keep you

May Adonai make His face shine on you and show you His favour.

May Adonai lift up His face toward you and give you Shalom. (Complete Jewish Bible)

As we have walked in obedience to His call Adonai has made His face shine upon us and shown us His favour.

Bryan and Stephanie Taylor



Bryan & Stephanie with their three
youngest children.

Serving Him Further

We joined Liberty Trust back in 1997 when we had a small house in Dunedin and no children. Today our circumstances are very different. We now live in Christchurch in a much larger house with 3 children, a Japanese student *and an interest free mortgage!*

Over the years it was a challenge to keep our commitments to Liberty as we were both students and did a missions trip to Africa. However looking back now we are pleased that we kept up the commitment as our mortgage term has reduced from 25 years to just 8 years!

Currently we are pastors of a church in Christchurch and look forward to becoming freer to serve God internationally without the burden of a mortgage.

We believe that finances like every other part of our Christian lives need to come under the Lordship of Christ. When we follow his plan and are wise stewards of the resources he sends our way He opens doors of opportunity so we can serve Him further.

Liberty Trust is one of those wise ways we can be good stewards of what God has given us.

Ps Warren & Ginia



Virginia & Warren Gouman

Sing praises to the Lord,
enthroned in Zion;
Proclaim among the nations
what He has done.

Psalm 9:11

God's Plan & Provision

We are the Ussher family from New Plymouth, consisting of Wayne: husband, father, mental health nurse; Margaret: wife, mother, teacher; sons: Timothy (20) engineering student, Canterbury; and Jonathan (18) health sciences, Otago.

In the 1990s the long-term plan for our family was for me (Margaret) to return to teaching part-time once the boys went to school. By doing so we would live the typical middle class lifestyle of relative financial security, able to enjoy the finer things which disposable income provides; a fairly 'normal' plan really.

God had a different plan for our family. His plan included home schooling our boys. After much soul searching, we chose His plan over our own and so embarked on a journey which lasted 15 years; taking our sons to the completion of their high school education.

In practical terms, our decision to home school meant living on a modest single income. It also meant in the future we would have to either enlarge our existing house or purchase a bigger one. We chose to do the latter.

In 1997, after seeing an advertisement in the Challenge Weekly, we signed up with Liberty Trust. The principles of giving and borrowing espoused by the Trust was another example of doing things God's way rather than our own. In 1999, while waiting for our interest free loan to become available, we took out a bank mortgage and set about building a bigger house.

At the end of 2007, with the prospect of having both our boys at universities in the South Island this year and the associated costs, it was timely that we received a phone call from Ark Resources to say our interest free loan had become available to us. It couldn't have come at a better time!

Throughout the years God has proved Himself faithful to His promises as we follow His plan for our lives. He has always met our needs as He promises in His Word to do.

For our family, having a Liberty Trust loan has meant the money we now save on interest is able to be used to financially support our sons as they pursue their academic goals.

God's plan for our family didn't include the acquisition of a lot of worldly wealth but it did produce two godly young men we are proud to call our sons and who will carry the baton of faith to the next generation. To us that's priceless and we thank God for His faithfulness and provision.

Margaret & Wayne Ussher



Wayne, Margaret, Timothy & Jonathan

