



A Leaf from the Ark

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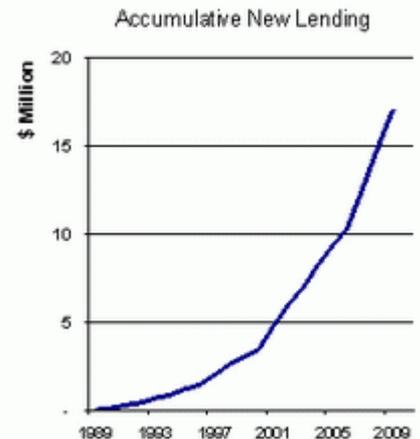
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Greetings to you all.

A new loan will be advanced this week taking our total to \$17.5 million interest free! Amazing! Starting from zero it took six years to lend the first \$1 million. We reached \$10 million in 2007 and we are planning a great celebration when we reach \$20 million next year. You are all welcome to join us. Yee-ha!

Where has all this money come from? Not from borrowing, but from giving. Donations that are made to Liberty Trust and Ark Resources help build an interest free storehouse to assist more and more people, like Robyn (below) and the Rentoul family.

How long before we have lent \$40 million? At our current rate, it should be around 2015! God is good.



A Missions Mobiliser

I had heard of Liberty Trust well before I joined. In fact many of my friends in Whakatane belonged, and some of them were there at the very beginning. So eventually I got a ROUND TUIT. I signed up and put my contributions on Automatic Payment. To tell the truth, I then just forgot about it, and carried on with life.

I am a primary school teacher who during 1999 took the year off to travel. One of the things that I made sure to save for before travelling, was my contributions to Liberty Trust. When I returned from overseas that year, I had a growing sense that some of the things that the Lord was putting on my heart regarding the future involved youth, study and missions. (To which I said, how does that all fit together?)

Since that time, I have changed my city and school. I currently teach Year One children at Bethlehem College. The interesting thing about that is I have had several opportunities to travel with senior students on mission trips to Borneo, and Samoa.

In 2006 the Lord told me that 2008 would be a significant year. I had no idea when my loan would be offered. So imagine my delight, when I received my loan in January 2008.

I have put the loan onto the property that I live on. This property has a three-bedroom house on the front that is rented out, and I live in the small flat at the back. My parents live next door.

This loan is really about the future. I have discovered that I am a missions mobiliser, and have my fingers in several missions pies. My biggest concern is that I don't get enough time to connect with people and encourage them on their missional journey. However within a few years I will have repaid my Liberty loan, and will be able to work part-time as a teacher, with the rent off the front house adding to my income. This will free me up for a couple of days a week to mobilize and connect people and churches in missions. The adventure continues!

Robyn Hamilton
Tauranga



*God, the blessed
and only Ruler,
the King of kings
and Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
and who lives in
unapproachable light,
whom no one has seen
or can see.
To him be honour and
might forever. Amen.
1 Tim 6:15b-16*

A Plan for the Future

We view the Liberty Trust loan as an “enabler”. Here is a little of our “home making” experience. We want to share our experience as there must be many other couples out there who are just starting out or are having the same space issues as us.

We signed up with Liberty Trust a few years before we purchased our first house. We had been thinking about signing up for the two years prior to that. In retrospect, we wished that we had signed up earlier once we were waiting our turn! At the time we were uncertain about jobs and the city we would be living in.

Our first Child – Josh – was born in 2004.

In 2005 we purchased our home. The perfect 1970's three bedroom brick and tile home for the Rentouls. The property boom was heating up, and we were really blessed to find this home and to purchase it for a reasonable price - it was a God thing. We had made higher offers on two other houses that fell through. We didn't like them much. We made offers because, in our price range, we thought that was the compromise we would have to make. Our financial limitation was self imposed as we did not want to borrow more money than we could service on one income. Otherwise Marleen would not have the option to be a stay at home mum – something we really wanted for our kids. We had saved 50% of the houses value, so by today's standards our bank mortgage was not huge.

In 2007 Azaria was born.

Originally we intended to use our Liberty Trust loan to pay off the remainder of our bank mortgage. We changed our plan last year when we realised that we had almost paid off our mortgage! We evaluated our housing situation: 2 and a half kids, three bedroom house, looming maintenance. So we had the options of maintaining the status quo, buying a house with 4 bedrooms, or building a new house. We asked God to show us what to do and talked to our friends and other people we respect about what they would do or have done.

Luke was born in May.

A month ago we purchased a section. So now you know what we chose to do! For us it's a long term plan as we don't need a bigger house yet, our kids are little and they love sharing a room. We hope to later sell our existing home to cover the cost of the new one....but only God knows what the future will hold.

***In his heart a man plans his course,
but the Lord determines his steps.
Proverbs 16.9***

We feel really blessed for our Liberty loan which will allow us to pay down our mortgage much quicker. It's nice to have a plan for the future.

God bless you, Dave, Marleen, Joshua, Azaria and Luke
Christchurch



Azaria, Luke, Marleen, Dave & Josh Rentoul

Riddles from the Ark

What did God say when Noah told him he wanted to build the ark out of bricks?
"No, Noah - go for wood" [gopherwood]

What did Noah say as he was loading the ark?
"Now I herd everything".

Who ran the first fruit factory?
Noah - he had a boatful of preserved pairs [pears].

Why didn't they play cards on the ark?
Because Noah was standing on the deck.

What animal could Noah not trust?
The cheetah.

Which were the most disagreeable animals on the ark?
The horses—they kept saying "Neigh".

Who is the shrewdest businessman in the Bible?
Noah, he floated his stock while everyone else went into liquidation.

Why didn't Noah go fishing?
He only had two worms!



What kind of lights did Noah use on the ark?
Flood lights.

What US state is mentioned in the Bible?
Arkansaw. ["Noah looked out of the ark and saw..."]

Was Noah the first one out of the ark?
No, he came forth out of the ark.

What was the first thing Noah said when he got off the ark?
"Should have killed them darn mosquitoes when I had the chance!"

