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Greetings to you all.

We include in this newsletter precious letters from Susan of Auckland, the Jukes family in Tauranga and Belinda Clark - daughter of NZ conservationist and author Gerry Clark.

Earlier this month we were pleased to advance the 240th interest free mortgage, bringing the total advanced to over \$18 million. We expect to lend two more mortgages before Christmas - one to a North Shore family and the other to a Bay of Plenty church - donated by another church. Isn't that great!

The directors of Ark Resources Ltd are pleased to wish you a very Happy Christmas.



My dear husband passed away at the end of June, 2008. At that stage we had been renting approx 18 years and had never managed to get into a position to buy a home.

I contacted Liberty Trust February 2009 to advise them of my husband's death and was very surprised to hear that our interest free loan was coming up within a few months. Amazingly days later they rang me to offer a loan which was intended for another but that person wasn't ready to use it immediately.

I was absolutely delighted, especially because I had just started house hunting. It was Gods perfect timing – of that I am convinced. Within a few weeks we found the house that was meant for us. Everything was just perfect for my children and I, and we knew that once again God had moved on our behalf.

All this has confirmed a verse God had given to my husband and myself many years ago during the middle of our various trials, involving losing just about everything we owned materially – our home we then owned, our business, experiencing a complete financial reversal; as well as a house fire and my serious debilitating illness which I have suffered from approx 8 years. Finally on top of everything - the death of my precious husband.

“For I know the thoughts and plans I have for you says the LORD. Thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.”
Jeremiah 29 v 11 AMP

I know that my GOD is always in control and that He absolutely delights in writing the chapters of our lives. I am so very thankful to my Heavenly Father for – Firstly my husband's wisdom in joining Liberty Trust so many years ago not knowing how GOD would use it to bless his family after he went home to be with his Lord. Secondly it is just so amazing how God has used Liberty to bless so many people and we are so grateful.

Susan, Auckland



We joined Liberty Trust in 1998 and received our interest free loan in July last year.

We have been in the process of renovating for ten years. We have had a couple of lean years due to loss of employment, Raymond being the sole income earner these twenty years since we married. We have three children, Andrew who is studying accounting at Polytechnic, Nathan aged sixteen who is looking at building and related trades, and Sarah age fourteen and has shown interest in hair dressing but the possibilities are still many and varied.

We've accomplished a lot with the income we have had and have almost doubled the size of our house by excavating under our existing house. We are now looking forward to putting a garage on the property.

Scriptures of significance for Raymond:

And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
Phil. Ch 4 v 19

Elisabeth is a song writer and her latest song is from the scripture, proverbs chapter 3 verse 3-6:

*Let love and faithfulness never leave you,
Bind them around your neck,
Write them on the tablet of your heart.
Then you will win favour and a good name,
In the sight of God and man.
Trust in the lord with all thy heart.
And lean not on your own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge Him,
And he will make your paths straight.*

Sincerely

Raymond & Elizabeth Jukes

With Thanks

It has been hard to find time to write this letter, but I am very grateful for the wonderful degree of help when my loan became available. Liberty Trust had already improved life considerably for our family (myself and three children) in lending me the funds to install a wood-burner in our cottage in the Waitakeries.

My wonderful mother Marjorie, who strove dedicatedly to learn the truth, love more purely and be of service to God, especially with care for the planet and helping others, inspired many people and sponsored my sister and I into Liberty Trust. What an inspired, loving thing she did – thank you again dearest Marjorie! She devoted much of her life to her organic citrus orchard and gardens, providing many people with wonderful food, and supporting my Father (a sea captain) with his sea-bird research.



This was Dad's way of loving God – when he observed that sea-bird habitats were being destroyed he painstakingly built a strong enough small yacht to carry out the research needed, with teams of volunteers. His longest expedition (nearly four years) involved research down the Chilean Archipelago and many uncharted islands in the gale-lashed southern oceans, circumnavigating Antarctica. He was sure that only God's miraculous interventions saved him and his yacht from destruction, several times.

The book he wrote, again with much assistance from Marjorie, from tapes he made during the trip, also inspires many people. Dad and crews achieved an astounding amount in very uncomfortable, hazardous conditions. He continued this work into his 70's, even after recovery from a heart attack, thanks to Marjorie's diligent care. This ended with his death while attempting to continue an albatross recovery program in the wild Antipodes Islands.

Living simply, Marjorie managed to donate regularly to Liberty Trust for my sister and myself. I juggled trying to be a good mother (solo with three children) and improve our financial/material well-being with part time work; also develop my abilities and grow 'spiritually.' On receiving clear spiritual advice my girls, our pets and I moved to Hawke's Bay where I embarked on a Counselling degree to broaden the scope of assistance tools I had learnt.

However, on hearing the shocking news that my mother was terminally ill, I returned to Kerikeri to help nurse her. Once again Marjorie inspired many of us with her example – she wanted us to celebrate her next 'big adventure'. It was a wonderful as well as sorrowful time.

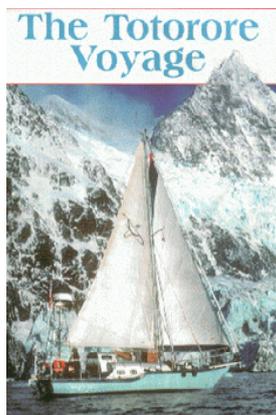
After our Mother's death, with my inheritance and selling my Auckland home, I was guided to buy a large, lovely old home in Hawkes Bay, from a Christian woman who was very helpful. I was told in prayer that it would be a healing place for my family and others; that I could help others and nature here.



Miraculously it all fell into place at the last minute and Liberty Trust continued to offer wonderful flexibility until my loan became available. This was at the perfect time. With one daughter leaving home and a boarder leaving I was able to offer accommodation for groups of adults learning about biodynamic agriculture nearby. I am

glad to support their learning which encourages appreciation and care for the incredible planet and nature we are blessed with. I now stay at the house as host, keeping the house enjoyable for the students who appreciate it very much. This happens every 2-3 months, with various group sizes and helps me pay bills and repair the old house.

After more than a year of after-school child care, and helping my daughters through some considerable challenges, I have been guided to focus now on attracting/ leading other groups to benefit from healing and empowering workshops here. With the help of my older daughter the cottage and vege gardens are getting much more care; we are making progress with 'kootch' infested areas but have ivy and other vines to tackle soon. The lovely roses and other flowers, shrubs and trees provide nourishment for many birds and helpful insects but also for the souls of all who come here.



Liberty Trust far exceeded my expectations of help - not only was the full amount of my mortgage with ASB paid off by Ark Resources but all the legal costs were added to my loan as well. This involved working with the lawyers of the couple with whom I share title of our lovely property. The discrepancy between the fine ethics, efficiency and support of the lawyers working for Liberty Trust and those working for my friends appeared to be sadly obvious!

But God can turn all things to the good and now it is truly wonderful to be free of paying thousands to the bank (to be used for who knows what) and see the loan steadily decrease while assisting others!!

A truly Christian way of working, it seems to me; also as not only people of one faith are helped in this very practical way. With my daughters not completely 'out of the nest' and on very low incomes, and with only half the number of students we had last year, we have to live frugally but I trust that I will find a way to increase my income in accordance with God's will, so I can contribute my talents.

May God/ Goddess bless Liberty Trust and us all with ever growing understanding of the truth, and appreciation and ability to care for God's amazing creations, including us! May we be able to help and be helped at this challenging, yet exciting, time of great change.

With love and thanks,

Belinda Clark, Napier

