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Greetings to you all.

In this newsletter we include testimonies from three families, Robin & Alesha of Whangarei, Mike & Amy of Tauranga & Ross & Frances of Auckland. All different, all special, all blessed & a blessing to others.

Since April we have lent interest free for family homes in Whangaparaoa and Royal Oak, Auckland and have 3 more ready to go. And four more families have repaid the last of their mortgages to us and are now debt free!

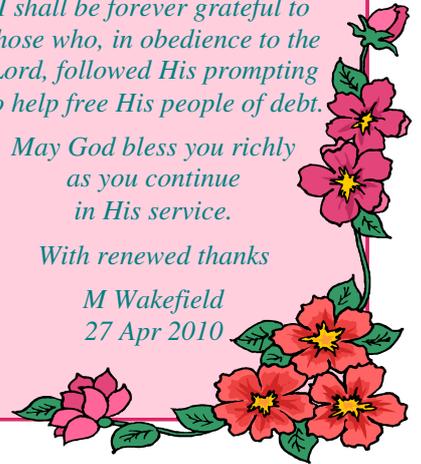
Hallelujah's all round!

I shall be forever grateful to those who, in obedience to the Lord, followed His prompting to help free His people of debt.

May God bless you richly as you continue in His service.

With renewed thanks

*M Wakefield
27 Apr 2010*



God is Bigger

Kia Ora. We are the Taege Whanau from Whangarei.

My name is Alesha and I am a Children's Worker at The Salvation Army, my husband Robin is a Primary School Teacher, and our son Josiah is 16 months old, an amazing little boy, whose two favourite things are praising God & cleaning (he has his priorities sorted already).

When I was a teenager, my (Alesha's) parents joined Liberty Trust on my behalf, and when I started working I took over the contributions. Then when we got married my husband & I carried on contributing into Liberty Trust until our loan came available.

My husband was at University at the time so we put our loan on hold until he had finished his degree, so that we were in a better place to get our first home. When the house prices kept sky rocketing, there were times we wondered how we would ever find a house in our price-range, but kept reminding ourselves that **God was bigger than the housing market** and somehow he would find us the right house at the right price.

"And my God will meet all of your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus". Phil 4:19

Then last year after looking for a long time (and the market taking a slight dip) we finally found our first house, received our interest free mortgage and moved in just before Christmas. We unloaded the last trailer load on Christmas Eve, in time for our son Josiah, to take his first steps in OUR house.

Since we moved in, we have painted the place, put down new carpet and lino and planted a few trees, so it really feels like our place now.

It is amazing how awesome it feels to finally have a place that we can call our own.

Thanks Liberty Trust for making it possible, because of you we are looking forward to a debt free future.

Alesha, Rob & Josiah
9 June 2010



Rob, Alesha & Josiah



A Fantastic Opportunity



Amy & Michael

Amy and I have benefited greatly from a Liberty Trust loan. The story started when my parents contributed into Liberty Trust Whakatane many years ago. After a number of years the whole family moved to Auckland and my parents started to contribute into Liberty Trust Auckland.

A few years went by and an opportunity came up for Mum and Dad to receive a small loan from Whakatane, a little while before Amy and I got married. Mum and Dad offered this loan to us so we could use it as a deposit for our first home. This was a fantastic opportunity and was the only way we could get into the property market.

Amy and I are contributing to a larger Liberty Trust loan, which my parents also started contributions for me before I could do it myself, so that when it is our turn to receive the loan we can pay off the bank mortgage we have and be debt free far sooner!

Our goal is to be debt free so we are able to use our God given finances for God's purpose, and I know this is made a lot easier with Liberty Trust. I encourage anyone in any situation to get involved in Liberty Trust, it will work for you!

Cheers, Mike and Amy, Tauranga

God Provides

I (Frances) grew up in a family where home ownership was not a priority. When my student flatmate (and now Liberty Trust accountant Kerryanne Dalgleish) explained Liberty Trust to me 14 years ago, I thought it was crazy. Why would people go to so much bother just to buy a house? Then when I got married and my husband showed me how much interest we would pay through a bank mortgage, I was horrified. We joined Liberty Trust!

When we got married, one of our wedding cards had the verse Matt 6:33 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God ... and all these things shall be added unto you".

We started our marriage in overdraft and I was soon expecting our first child. Some people say you must have a double income so you can get your first home. However we felt it was more important for me to be a stay at home mother, so I never worked and we lived on one income. Through thriftiness and blessing from God we could never have imagined, we soon had a deposit.

While it would have been ideal to wait until our Ark Resources loan came through before we bought our first home, we realised that as we were wanting to buy a house in Auckland, if we waited, prices would increase enormously. So, soon after the birth of our 2nd child, we bought our home just as the housing boom started in early 2002 – another blessing from the Lord.

We have stayed in that home and lived within our means—no HP's, no flash TV, furniture from the inorganic rubbish collection and forget the steak! We have been further blessed with four more children being added to the family.

Often when you tell people about Liberty Trust they are disappointed to find out they have to wait for their loan. We think it is good you have to wait, as you have to practice patience. **It was a good feeling, patiently waiting and knowing all the while that we were helping others be free from their bank mortgages.**

Having received our Ark Resources loan recently, we are delighted that we'll be debt free sooner, freeing up God's resources for furthering the Lord's work. Much better than pouring that money into the banking industry's profits!

We have recently started contributing a little every week to Liberty Trust for each of our children. The Lord certainly provides – according to His riches and glory (Philippians 4:19).

Ross and Frances Peeters



Ross & Frances with Faith (8), Timothy (2), Renee (4), Joshua (10), Matthew (5 months) & Daniel (6).

