



A Leaf from the Ark

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Greetings to you all.

We are thrilled to include in this newsletter testimonies from three marvellous couples, who we have been privileged to lend to interest free so that they can do great things for God debt free. All have grasped the principles of being blessed to be a blessing, and through them many more will be blessed.

In July and August we were privileged to lend to a church in Central Auckland as well as households in Tauranga, Opotiki, Auckland and Whangaparaoa and several mortgages were repaid. With Liberty Trust we have now lent 286 interest free mortgages, setting people free up and down New Zealand. We look forward to doing even greater work than this in the days ahead. Amen. The best is yet to come!

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*Those who lend money
without charging interest,
and who cannot be bribed
to lie about the innocent.
Such people will stand firm
forever. Ps 15:5*

Life Changing

Who would have thought that as I meandered around the 'missions' tent at Parachute festival five years ago that I would experience a life-changing moment chatting to a grey-haired gentleman from Whakatane? Well that's exactly what happened as I paused for a moment's distraction from the Waikato summer heat. U2 step aside, I was to find what I was looking for!

Months earlier I had been pondering the plight of my three sons as they faced a future of looming student loan debt and mortgage encumbrance as they strived to provide for their future young families. At age 15, 13 and 12, this hardly was a pressing issue for them, but nevertheless was exercising my mind as I reflected on the personal life experiences of my wife and I. Was there a way to start them off at a level more advantageous than what we had experienced? Did they really need to 'slog it out' in the debt-laden world around us?

Liberty Trust opened my mind to possibilities that hitherto had escaped my imagination. As I quietly conferred with an obvious man of God, Mr Kelvin Deal, and listened carefully to his Bible-based understanding of God's storehouse, I sensed a light being shed on my heart and a lifting of a burden that I had been carrying! Not only could my wife and I see a way to providing for our children's future, but we could help others in the process! Bam! Bingo! Eureka!

But I wanted to be certain of the charity that I was considering backing. Later that month I invited a Liberty Trust trustee to come down to Wellington in order to introduce them to my trusted accountant and a dear entrepreneur friend. I wanted my expert friends to check this charity out! Following sandwiches, cups of tea, and a two hour meeting, my very intelligent friend and very smart accountant declared 'Its legit'! I was satisfied!

Overnight we had signed up to regular giving of a proportion of our material wealth to help others. Dollar by dollar, week by week, we started to siphon funds into Liberty Trust's storehouse. Year by year the totals began to grow, and year by year our children began to understand what we were doing on their behalf and for the benefit of others.

Not only this, but my wife and I started a donation stream for our own future. Soon our sense of trusting God for our future security had gone to another level. Now we were beginning to explore increasing our giving to our local church as well. Year by year, the percentage of our income that was dedicated to helping others has grown. It now seemed right and just to give rather than receive!

I am so deeply encouraged by the journey that Liberty Trust has initiated in New Zealand. The future of many families struggling to become secure in their own home looks so much brighter. Children can now get a 'head start' with interest free loans and healthy truthful biblical teaching that empowers them to help others and walk in God's rich provision.

I love it! Each year we are increasing the level of giving. Giving has become more important than receiving. We are seeing a multiplication of our hearts desire to bless others. I am so grateful to the trustees of Liberty Trust for staying the course, for placing their trust in the "Rock of Ages" and for remaining true to His Word.

God bless Liberty Trust!

Love Dynes & Ingrid McConnell, Wellington



So Thankful

Paul and I moved to Pukekohe in late 2007. We have been married for 13 years now and have four children. Neve is 12 and off to High School next year, Finn is 10 and our future All Black, Ella is 8 and Ruby our youngest is 6.

We attend church at Christian Family Centre, here in Pukekohe and have been there the past 2 years.

We started out in Liberty Trust when Paul's brother gifted us his Liberty Trust account which he had started for several years previously. He was moving overseas and decided we could benefit from it. It was hard to start with as we had a young family and only on one income but we still managed to put aside the money every fortnight. We are so thankful now that we continued on with Liberty Trust as this gift has enabled us to get debt free faster.

We have also decided to start another Liberty Trust membership for our children enabling them to get ahead and not be burdened by debt in the future.

We thank God for his provision that He has given us over the past years and pray that many other families can be blessed by Liberty Trust.

Paul & Yvette, Neve, Finn, Ella & Ruby



*For great is his love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord
endures forever. Praise the Lord.*

Ps 117:2

Investment with Eternal Benefits

By most criteria financially we are very blessed. We have a generous income that affords us many opportunities. We have options.

And we have responsibilities. The same God who saw fit to grant us gift and abilities also designed that we use them for the benefit of others, extending something of the grace and favour that He freely bestows on us to minister to others. We are blessed to be a blessing, and in so doing to further the majesty and glory of our great God. We endeavour to live our lives, using our gifts and abilities, and all the resources that we have stewardship of to that end.

One of the challenges that we have been required to face up to is how to make the use of these resources wisely ... and that is where Liberty Trust is very attractive. Contributing to a pool of funds from which loans are granted that is continuously replenished and gradually increasing; where the administration and management is done by committed volunteers as a service to others as part of their shared vision; where it is available to anyone who wishes to join and where is no profit taking, is a great way of investing in the broader work of the kingdom of God. It seems to us to tick the right boxes.

But the benefits extend beyond that. For us personally, by making contributions and in due course being granted a loan, we can minimise interest payments and free up funding for other investment. Investment of the sort that has eternal benefits, that works towards helping other people become who they were designed to be, that encourages them to be seek and develop a relationship with our creator God who loves them enormously. Investment that emphasises the inherent value and worth of people as individuals, that uses funds to enrich and enhance the lives of others.

Just recently we have been granted a loan that we are using to help fund building a house on a small block of land that we own. Although we will not be moving in in the near future, this house is part of a plan for helping to provide and care for our extended family, some of whom have special needs. It is often not easy to be certain that we are hearing what God is saying. We have found that we need to step out and act on the measure of insight that we have, in faith believing that He is directing us. Building this house came into this category ... the loan was granted, our preferred builder was available, two of our now adult children were available to assist with the building for at least some of the time.. with the added bonus that we are not under any time pressure to finish. It seemed that God was lining things up for action now. It remains to be seen what longer term use this house ends up having.

Because the loan is interest free, the total cost of the building project over the next few years will be much less than otherwise. This will mean that we will be able to contribute more financially to both local and overseas missions. That is something that we both are sure that God would have us do and keep on doing ...

Neil and Bev Hopkins

