



A Leaf from the Ark

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Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus. 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.

We have been privileged to lend to seven families since our last newsletter, in Auckland, Tauranga, Ngaruawahia & Dargaville and we have six more loans ready and waiting for signatures!

We are currently well ahead of schedule with our lending and have been recently offering loans to people who weren't expecting them until 2015! What a great surprise!

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Whatever gift you have received, use it in service to one another, like good stewards, dispensing the grace of God. 1 Pet. 4:10

Ecstatic with Delight



Christmas Day with 3 grandchildren

In November 2011 we believed it was time for us to make some major changes in our lives so we embarked on a journey that would take us in a new direction and environment.

Over the following months we were aware of circumstances that confirmed we had made the right decision.

Early 2012 we received from Liberty Trust an interest free loan. This was totally unexpected and far from our thoughts, we had come to the conclusion that we would not benefit from our investment into Liberty Trust in our life time and that our children would gain from it.

It could not of come at a better time for us and we were ecstatic with delight to have this advantage with our new direction and environment change.

We have been blessed by Liberty Trust faithfulness as they commit to helping set people financially free.

It's encouraging to know that when you step out in faith God is always there.

Thanks so much!!!!

Estelle and Neville Partridge



Snow on the deck last Winter after a big storm



Granny in the snow with more grandchildren

God has taken care of us once again

We started contributing towards a Liberty loan back when we were missionaries overseas, knowing that one day we would come back to NZ and would not have the savings or income to get into a house without some kind of extra help. We became missionaries at a very young age and did not get into a mortgage at the same time as our friends, but trusted that God would take care of us as He always does.

When it was time to come home, we returned to the South Island and Andrew retrained as a primary school teacher so that he could have a stable job and income for our family. On the down side this meant taking a student loan which put us into debt. We also made the decision to move to the North Island to be closer to Andrew's ageing parents, and took a further loan to help with the move. So now we had two debts, and no house.

Our initial plan was to contribute to the fund until we could borrow enough to buy a house, but we had reduced our payments, house prices had risen, and with our newly-acquired debts it looked impossible. We talked with Liberty Trust about taking a lower loan, and suddenly everything fell into place: we received our interest free loan from Liberty which allowed us to pay off our debts, put a deposit on a house, and buy a car! We moved into our new home almost in a daze, everything had happened so quickly and unexpectedly, and we could say with assurance that God had taken care of us once again.

Thank you Liberty for allowing God to use you to bless others!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

Andrew and Olya



Released from Bondage & more Financially Able as Missionaries

I (Greg) first heard of Liberty Trust back in the mid 90's when working with a friend and his wife who had joined. They said if I was wise I should join too but being a single guy I didn't really see the urgency. It wasn't until I was married and then with a house and baby I finally decided to join up!!

We made the decision that one of us should work while the other stay at home and look after our children. When we joined up with Liberty Trust I was self employed but couldn't afford big contributions to Liberty so we decided to try and contribute as much as we thought possible. Later the Lord really blessed me when I joined a larger company and was able to increase our weekly contributions.

In 2009 we were called by the Lord to come to Fiji as short term Missionaries with Youth With A Mission. By 2011, after coming and going again to Fiji throughout 2010, we decided to live in Fiji rather than NZ. We were challenged financially there relying solely on supporters in NZ while we sent our two children to a relatively expensive private Christian school.

God's timing is amazing. We looked at a brand new Anglican Church house that we could rent nearby our training school and the same day we were accepted as tenants we received notification in the mail from Liberty Trust that our interest free loan had been released - Wow!!

It couldn't have come at a better time for us! We felt God was looking after both our new house here in Fiji and our own house back in NZ. We are now paying down the majority of our house mortgage and its so wonderful to finally see the amount owing decrease every month.

For years we were so disheartened by paying lots to the bank but seeing no real reduction in our principle amount over the last 10 years!! Now we feel released from the bondage and we know long term we will be free of substantial debt and more financially able to stay on as missionaries here.

God has been faithful to us just as we sowed what we had into Liberty Trust. We waited over many years but now are seeing the fruits and see light at the end of the mortgage tunnel! We also thank the Lord for His timing in releasing this financial blessing to us when we don't earn an income here.

My only regret is I wished I had taken the advice of my friends and joined earlier as a single. We would have been in a better position earlier as a young family and now have paid off a lot of our loan. At least we got there in the end.

A verse that comes to mind when I reflect on our journey is:

"Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again". Ecclesiastes 11:1

THANKS Liberty Trust - you are a real blessing to the body of Christ!!! You are also wonderfully committed people who reflect the Kingdom of God to others – thanks for keeping your hand to the plow and not looking back!

Greg and Karen Dryden



Greg & Karen Dryden
with children Ethan and Hannah

