

# Liberty Trust

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To All Contributors and Sponsors

I was recently reminded that it is five months since our last newsletter. I protested that there isn't much news, but was assured that a little news is better than none. So here goes:

## **Mortgage Fund**

This year we have settled two of what we call large mortgages. They total \$120,000. The second mortgage will be paid at the end of this month. Next will be the turn of 3 small mortgages. Since the commencement less than three years ago, **15 homes** have received interest-free mortgages! We delight in the fulfilment of the vision.

Someone remarked that we are favouring churches and pastors. Not so. I can assure you that all of our mortgages have been paid strictly in accordance with ballots. The numbers are drawn by a local police officer after much prayer. It is not we who determine the outcome (Proverbs 16:33). In an earlier newsletter I asked what we should do if a contributor faced a mortgagee sale. Thankfully the question has not had to be addressed.

What else has happened this year?

## **Sponsorships**

Two people have come forward this year and offered to sponsor others. One is a half sponsorship and one is a full sponsorship. This continues to be our greatest need.

## **Numbers**

As far as I am aware there have been no resignations this year. Instead we have opened the fund to new members as I advised last December, and added 16 to the fund. These new folk contribute \$4 a week more than foundation members. Ten of the new members belong to Flaxmere Christian Fellowship, Hastings. To those who have joined us we say a warm "Hello". The number of contributors now stands at 219.

## **International**

John Bartley recently had a talk to Tom Sine, a church leader in the USA whose ministry emphasis is "The Kingdom of God active in society NOW". Tom is widely travelled and from his observations of church action throughout the world and throughout history, he believes that before God moves in

judgement upon a nation, people, or society, He first gives to His people the means to save, or provide a refuge from that judgement (i.e. Noah's Ark). An object of his trip was to discover what God is currently speaking to His church. Tom believes that the concept of Liberty Trust to liberate God's people from interest and debt by the next generation is the most exciting word from the Lord revealed during his recent trip. As a result he spoke of Liberty Trust throughout the remainder of his New Zealand trip and has taken details back home with the intention of commencing the concept there. Aren't you glad to be part of that sort of ministry? We are.

## **Structure**

Liberty Trust trustees have formed a sub-committee to administer the mortgage scheme. Most of us serve both as trustees and sub-committee members. By separating the two, we are enabling Liberty Trust itself to form into an umbrella organisation which will support and give a legal basis to other Christian groups, all working to fulfil aspects of the Kingdom of God in the community.

After the mortgage fund sub-committee, the budget advisory service was the second to be formed. Since then we have agreed to be a non-financial cover for Dry Arm Whakatane and for Te Pou Herenga - a group focusing on street kids. Other groups have approached us - some of these are only ideas at this stage and may not develop. Nevertheless we feel we have been able to provide guidance to them in a number of areas. All groups, like the mortgage fund, that come under the umbrella of Liberty Trust are financially self-supporting and self determining. Funds from one group cannot be transferred to another. We believe however, that like any multi-facet ministry, the groups have the potential to work in with one another for the benefit of the Kingdom and the glory of God. again we do not know quite how Liberty Trust will be used by God but it is certainly in accordance with our original vision to be a charitable trust serving a broad spectrum of God's Kingdom in action.

That's where we are at present.

## **Mortgage Details Update**

As part of the on-going administration of the mortgage fund we need to keep our records of your mortgage requirements accurate. We reckon that with falling interest rates, and the ever-changing circumstances of our contributors, some of the mortgage detail that we have is probably out of date. We would therefore appreciate you taking just a moment of your time to complete the attached slip as accurately as possible, and returning it to us as soon as you can. Thanks for your co-operation in this.

That's all for now. God blesses those who live in accordance with His principles. May God bless you all.

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Chairman