

Liberty Trust

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To: All Members

Greetings in Jesus Name.

As this is Easter weekend I am reminded of the them from this morning's worship "He is Risen".

We are aware that many of our contributors are finding life's circumstances a struggle. For some it is financial. For others it is fears, wariness, etc. Jesus had these too, knowing also that he must face crucifixion itself ultimately. His promise is that He has made a way for us. Hallelujah. Rom 8:11 - "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Jesus went through it first though".

News

In the last three months we have only paid out one mortgage.

On the other hand, Louise has been kept busy with the change to Trust Bank. This has affected everyone, but especially those previously paying weekly by direct debit. Towards the end, the return of our weekly direct debit schedule by our bank became later and later and quite chaotic from our point of view. We have written to these people on direct debit and enclosed a schedule of their payments received. Thankfully, there are only a few affected. Also some people are still paying by automatic payment to Countrywide. We expected that the change over will take some time.

Computer Programme

Our most important news is that our new computer programme is almost ready for testing. Thank you to those who have been praying for this. The new programme will not only speed up our accounting, but report on many aspects that we have previously had to obtain manually eg. details of individual contributions and their existing mortgages, arrears schedules and schedules of those awaiting ballot.

Testimony

We have never shared with you testimonies from those who have received a ballot. The following was written in 1991 by an Auckland widow in her 60s -

Dear Trustees

I would like to testify to the blessing it has been to me to already have received an interest free loan from Liberty Trust, which for me has replaced an INTEREST-ONLY loan.

That loan would only ever have been paid back in the event of my death, by the sale of my home, because this was the only kind of loan

available to me in my circumstances as a 'woman alone'; thus the house would never have become fully my own.

Also the interest only loan had only a two year term on it, having to be renewed every two years, with legal costs each time of great expense which for me was not only a tremendous hassle each time, but crippling financially, and burdensome.

Now, with this Liberty Trust loan I experience a great sense of joy and 'liberty' knowing that each payment I make is allowing my home to become more and more my own, and that it will take no longer than ten years to pay it off completely, thus releasing me to more freely serve the Lord.

I thank God that there were those, including yourselves as trustees who were obedient to the vision that God set before you, and have sacrificially released that vision to become a reality for people like myself and other Liberty Trust contributors.

This is certainly an area where I can "stand fast in the Liberty (Trust) wherewith Christ hath made me free and not be entangled again with the yoke of (interest) bondage".

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!

Your sincerely,

*Esme Finlayson
May 1991*

Office

Those living outside this area may wonder who are the trustees and where we work from. This year I (and Liberty Trust) have shifted from home to an office in Kopeopeo. Our phone number and fax here are still 07 3084187 and box number "2211" which is easy to remember. We no longer use the Christian Bookshop as John Bartley, our treasurer, moved to Whakatane Glass Company as manager/ accountant last year. I would emphasise that we use our office only because Louise Shergold, our administrator, is based there. Therefore it is the most convenient. Our trustees are:

John Bartley - Manager/ Accountant, Whakatane Glass Company
Elaine Bateson - Part-owner, Covenant Homes Ltd
Kevin Wilson - Engineer & Manager, Caxton Paper Ltd
Jonathan Segedin - Self-employed Buider
Myself - Chartered Accountant, own practice

A sub-committee manages the mortgage fund. It comprises three of the trustees plus my wife Kathleen, Louise and Leo Geerlings who is secretary and data processing manager at Riverslea Shopping Centre in Edgecumbe. Best wishes

Kelvin Deal
Chairman