



Liberty Letter

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Sponsoring our children



I joined Liberty Trust in June 1989. My interest had been aroused by the enthusiasm of a friend who could see the benefits that could be passed on to family members through the Interest Free Mortgage Scheme. By

becoming sponsors we could invest in our children's future.

I had been a widow for 13 years, 2 of my 3 children were married and I had no financial commitments. I took this step of faith and trusted God for the outcome, not knowing which family member would benefit. In any event it was an investment into God's Kingdom.

By 1995 my daughter and her husband (who were now Christians) felt the Lord was directing them to begin planning for another home and to take over the Liberty Trust monthly contributions. This seemed an impossibility as they had just been through a period of unemployment. At that time they were living in a tiny cottage and with three small children, space was at a premium.

They committed themselves to the monthly payments and God honoured this with a successful ballot a year later.

Today, they are enjoying their new home, high up on the Ohope hills. With careful management of their resources and the help of an experienced builder they have a four bedroom home with beautiful views of the ocean and shoreline. The interior work is being completed as God continues to provide.

As a parent, I feel overawed at what God has done - how He has worked with us, multiplying our giving to bring such a wonderful blessing to our family. We are so very grateful and we Praise God for Liberty Trust.

Mavis Wightman

Board Changes

Trustee, treasurer and loans officer John Bartley, and his wife Jeannie have moved to Scotland. John has been a key figure in Liberty Trust since its inception and is greatly missed. Our thanks go to him for all the work he has done.

We welcome Colleen Medwin as our new Trustee. Also Alan Cairns as treasurer, Mark Langridge as advisor, Robert Cleland with responsibility for budget advisory work, and John Anderson who is already busy as the new loans officer.

Thanks all of you. We praise God for your skills and availability in this important and responsible ministry.

Your Trustees

Kelvin Deal: Chartered Accountant, married to Kathleen with 3 married children.

Kevin Wilson: Environmental Engineer, married to Judy with 3 adult children.

Elaine Bateson: Partner in Covenant Homes with husband Alan with 4 adult sons.

Jonathan Segedin: Self-employed builder, married to Juliette with 4 school-aged children.

Colleen Medwin: Senior Teacher, married to Ian with 3 children (2 in the Navy).

Your Support Committee

Alan Cairns: Chartered Accountant, married to Jenny with 2 under 2.

Kathleen Deal: Secretary, married to Kelvin (above).

Mark Langridge: Electronic Engineer, married to Sue with 3 children.

John Anderson: Former bank manager, married to Cushla with 4 children.

Robert Cleland: Dairy Farmer, married to Liz with 4 children.

Kelvin Writes ...

During our church service today three items of direct relevance to Liberty Trust caught my attention

The missionary speaker quoted from Psalm 2 v 8 "Ask of Me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession".

The funny thing about **intercessory prayer** is that God depends upon you and I to pray His plans into being. We don't just follow along behind Him. We have to fist initiate them, just as Daniel, when he read in the book of Jeremiah that the Children of Israel would be released and return from exile after 70 years, began immediately to pray it into being. Jesus himself taught us in His model prayer, to pray:

"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

She then said that in Thailand 25 years ago very few children knew of Jesus, and none had heard of "**McDonalds**". Now every child know what a "Big Mac" is but still very few know who Jesus is. When asked why, the children replied that it was because "McDonalds" had more money.

The next speaker told us about his recent visit to Cambodia and his sponsored child. He described the World Vision ministries he found. One was the creation of "**foodbanks**" from harvest surpluses, in order to provide for individual need. He remarked that these "foodbanks" were like "storehouses".

Without them those in need would have to turn to money lenders and have to sometimes pay exorbitant interest rates.

Sadly, although we are commanded to bring our tithes into the "storehouse" we are heavily dependent upon **money lenders** for most of our lives. And the mission of the Church is generally limited by lack of finance because our capacity to give as stewards is limited.

Money isn't everything, but anyone working with the Church in the third world know its importance, and that the inheritance, spoken of in Psalm 2 v 8 is not yet God's inheritance. Let's pray that the Church may learn to function as a "storehouse" and see the promised miracles performed. First God needs us as intercessors.

Absolute Thrill

We are so thankful for the amazing way that God enabled us to be involved with Liberty Trust.

Our church gave us six years contribution in appreciation for our service. It was an absolute thrill to hear that we had drawn a ballot two years later. Now we have purchased a home after many years of renting.

It is so reassuring to deal with an organisation that keeps its word and delivers on its promises. Thank you Liberty Trust and the faithful workers involved.

Now we plan to take another contribution to repeat the blessing.

*Larry and Elspeth Davis
Hamilton*

*Shakes Privileged*

Having been in Liberty Trust since its inception made it no less of a joy to receive an interest free mortgage.

It has been marvellous to read the accounts of

others over the years and just how blessed they felt when they gained their ballot. We felt it was a privilege to be part of a Christian based system that has released people from financial burden.

Now that it is our family's turn to obtain a mortgage we would like to express our gratitude to the Lord and to those on the team who do such a professional job on a volunteer basis. There is a real feeling of release, particularly at such a time of economic uncertainty where bank rates are on the rise.

May the Lord richly bless you in your future endeavours.

*Mike and Karen Shakes
March 1998*