



# Liberty Letter



Consider the ways of the ant, (you sluggard); and be wise. It has no commander nor overseer, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands together ..."

Prov 6 v 6-10

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It's worth it all!

Your Trustees and other volunteers have done a huge amount of work lately because we believe in God's Principles. We are committed to the scriptures which say to lend to each other, without interest, and that we will be blessed by God if we do. (Note that by law Trustees may not benefit from a charitable trust.) We are committed to seeing God's people released from the burden of interest, so that they may be able to give freely as God leads them, instead of it fruitlessly going to the money lenders of the world.

Helping one another and having others help us, and seeing everybody save - sounds heavenly, and it is!

Whatever we sow, we shall reap...  
Let us not become weary in well doing  
for in due season we shall reap.  
So then, as we have opportunity, let us  
work for the good of all, especially to  
those who are of the household of faith.  
Galatians 6 v 7, 9-10

Liberty Letters will now include news of Ark Resources Ltd, the Company into which Liberty Trust invests, and which lends interest-free loans.

This change in our legal structure will be completed when all present Liberty Trust loans have been refinanced by Ark Resources Limited. Then Ark is able to issue new loans to all those whose applications for Ark loans have been received. What anticipation we have of that day! When will that be? When all of you have returned your papers which we have sent out.

Please don't delay!

## Paul J. Meyer on Giving

*"Most people think giving is a luxury they can't afford. They say they'll give when they get rich. They say giving is painful because it demands sacrifice. They say a person who gives seriously is a saint, or a sucker. They are wrong."*

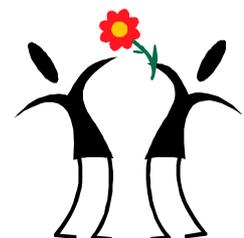
*"Jesus said "Give and it will be given to you" Luke 6v38. The person who meets that challenge, who determines to become a giver in all five resources - relationships, spiritual values, finance, information, and time/energy - will enjoy the peace and the thrill and the financial security of proving God's promise."*

Paul J. Meyer has proven that Christian stewardship and financial success go hand in hand. He is inspiring a whole generation. He writes, "I don't give to be paid back - That is hard for me to explain to people. I give because I have learned I need to give. I feel almost selfish. If I could, I'd give every moment of the day. That is the thrill of giving".

Paul, when asked how he would like to be remembered in his hometown replies, "as a Christ-like person - a Christian who did not just think like a Christian and believe like a Christian, but acted like one towards those less

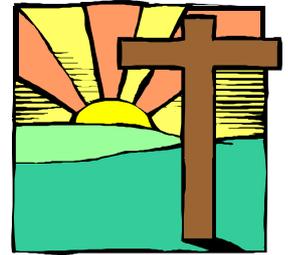
*fortunate - who cared not only in thought but in action. I would like to be a role model to my family and others as far as stewardship of time, talent, and money is concerned".*

"Paul J. Meyer, An Ambassador for Christ at the Global Scale"  
by J.M. Haggai.



## Testimonies of Liberty!

Not 1, or 2, but 3 phone calls have been received from members in different places asking if they can transfer their Liberty Trust memberships to their pastors or church buildings! Yes, there is no difficulty changing the applicant for the loan, or even the amount. God bless these people, who are able to bless others this way!



Jonathan Watts, Asst. Pastor,  
ECB Bible Baptist church Auckland:

"I've studied what you have sent us,  
and we'd like to do something about it.  
Can you come and speak to us some time?"

We did, and enjoyed their fellowship  
and church service very much.  
Thanks Jonathan

Gregg Scott, of YWAM  
Hawaii emails us  
regularly with  
encouragement:

It is such a blessing to  
receive your newsletters  
when they come in to us ..  
To hear the provision from  
God for so many folks.  
I continue to be blessed by  
your ministry.  
Thanks and may God  
continue to bless you all.  
Gregg

### Recent Correspondence

- a There is no "maximum" loan.  
As all rates are the same we also wish to assist those living in higher house cost centres.
- a Terms and Conditions of loans from Ark Resources Ltd point 3: "All loans by the Company shall be applied for the purchase or re-financing of the borrower's residential home" please add "and one or two rental properties".  
Thanks to observant readers.

We were blessed to receive a phone call from the son of members in January. His parents had commenced donating to Liberty Trust some time ago for him as he was studying. Now that he has graduated and has employment, he felt the time had come to take responsibility himself, and release his parents from their support. They have shown him and his wife a Godly way to get a home mortgage-free, and with considerable financial saving, while doing the same for others. May God bless these folk, and all who train up their children in the ways of the Lord. Prov 22 v 6 & 7

**Ballots** are conducted between members who are in an similar situation, for example those who joined initially and are up to date with their donations. However, as most have joined at different times loans will be given in order of joining and balloted when members are in a similar situation. The Trustees have introduced this change after much prayerful consideration. Every time a ballot is received ahead of turn, everyone who joined before them is disadvantaged. By lending in sequence the maximum waiting time is reduced. This also assists with your planning as you know when to expect your loan. Scripture says we shall reap in due season - not randomly but when the harvest is due.

## Portrait of a Trustee

Dear friends of Liberty Trust  
Our walk with Liberty Trust has been a long one, from the very first meetings held in Whakatane in 1989. My husband Ian and I were very quick to catch the vision that God was showing for this wonderful ministry. Along with many others we were the first members. At that time we were a youngish couple with three young children. A year later we purchased our home and began the struggle with a mortgage.

Ian and I always felt that we were to give to Liberty Trust and that our ballot would be one of the last as we have always freely given to others. But God had other ideas and in October 1996 our name was drawn in a ballot. This year will be the final year of our mortgage, four years ahead of the time with the bank. Isn't God good!



Colleen Medwin

This was only the beginning of my involvement with Liberty Trust. Seven years ago I was approached to be part of the Mortgage Committee and then three years ago I became one of the Trustees and have had the joy of serving the members of the Trust in a very real way. I count it a real blessing to be able to serve God in this ministry.

Many years ago now when Ian was out of work and jobs seemed very hard to come by he was given the Scripture Matthew 25 titled "Do not Worry". This Scripture has been our cornerstone when life's little troubles come our way. I pray that it will also be a blessing to all members. God bless you as we continue to serve each other.

Colleen and Ian Medwin