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Hi everyone

A special welcome to those who have recently joined Liberty Trust.

We are pleased to send you this newsletter with short testimonies from five loan recipients. A big thank you to those who sent us their stories.

We lent over six million interest-free in 2020 (a new record) with loans going to people & churches in Auckland, Wairoa, Taupo, Wellington, Christchurch, Te Puke, Whakatane, Christchurch, Hikurangi Northland, Opotiki, Balclutha, Murupara, Hamilton, Napier, Tauranga, Dunedin, Motueka, Whanganui, Oamaru, Galatea, Tauranga, Putaruru, Lower Hutt, and Whangarei.

We have now lent over \$65 million interest-free, \$45 million has already been repaid and \$20 million is currently being repaid.



Kelvin, Jonathan, Tom, Robert, Mark, Evan & Kerryanne (without Colleen) with a cake to celebrate \$60 million interest free lending!

Lockdown Provision from God



For most people lock-down in April 2020 was a challenging time. For me it was a most amazing time of seeing the loving provision and providence of God.

I was recently told by my business partner that he wanted to put the property I was living in to a different use and wanted me to shift out.

When going for a walk around the block during the lock-down, I found a flat that was vacant and up for private sale; the owner lived across the road.

After a couple of visits, I entered into an agreement to purchase it.

Thanks to Liberty Trust and the amazingly kind, non-judgmental, helpful staff, I was able to go unconditional by the end of the lock-down and move in a few weeks later.

Now, nearly nine months later, I'm watching the mortgage being repaid quickly and enjoying the quiet street I am in. I am so grateful to the Lord for His provision during such a challenging time, and it was a blessing not having to compete with other people (because of the lock-down), and obtaining this flat before the prices have gone unexpectedly up at the start of 2021. It is truly a gift from God.

Thank you Liberty Trust for your wonderful work of service.

You are a testimony and a reminder of God's goodness to me.

God bless you, John

Freedom from Debt

My story begins really when Liberty Trust helped me out of a huge debt hole.

I had been blessed with a deposit for a home (I lived in the UK for almost 20 years and was able to transfer my UK pension I had been paying for all that time over to Kiwisaver, and after 5 years could apply for a home loan), but with the general improvements to the home I found myself with \$30,000 high-interest debt.

I was really struggling with paying the bank's interest. Liberty very kindly paid the debt and now I pay to Liberty an interest-free sum on a monthly basis. In ten years that loan will be paid off and the huge relief that comes with knowing that there's no interest to pay so it won't cripple me!

Thanks so much, you are a true blessing.

Lots of love, Vanessa



Grateful

We are grateful for the faithfulness of the ministry of Liberty Trust and the Lord's timing in meeting our needs just in the right time so we could withdraw the loan.

The Blessings of the Lord make one rich and He adds no sorrow to it. Prov 10:22

The heart of man plans but it is the Lord who brings it to pass. Prov 16:9

Blessings, Lo



Lifesaving

In 2008 when I had 4 months to live with terminal kidney cancer my wife ended our marriage of 4 years.

I decided to support Liberty Trust, not ever thinking I'd want or use a loan. Then I went to the USA & had immune support which saved my life.

I stayed on at my church which I'd attended for 13 years, for a further 3 years until I shifted. I'd worked at the church as Evangelism Co-ordinator helping guide it through & achieve its greatest growth curve from 2,000 to 5,000 in just 3 years after taking a decade to reach 2,000 attendees.

Years later I again required lifesaving treatments in the USA and I had to borrow to achieve that. In the end I used the Liberty loan, that I thought I'd never use & had no intention of ever using, to pay down that high interest incurring debt.

Had I not had access to the Liberty funds I'd have been in a real pickle, being retired on superannuation with little other support, ALIVE but financially exposed.

The loan made the difference and is not an arduous amount to service.

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A Daunting Goal now a Reality

Growing up locally I always loved the outdoors and all the activities that this place has to offer. The beach, the bush and the mountains all in such a close vicinity. It's been a dream to own my own home here and eventually be debt free to continue all these activities without anything holding me back.

The interest-free Liberty Trust loan has enabled me to achieve just that and having an end date of being debt free at the end of a much shorter tunnel is an empowering feeling.

Having just moved back to Whakatane and re-training for a new career it was a daunting goal but with the help of the Liberty Trust loan it is now a reality and I couldn't be happier.

Cheers, Matt



God and Your Money

Give Him the first and the best - Proverbs 3:9 TM

To live by the principles of God's Word and be financially blessed, you must keep three things in mind:

First, remember that God owns everything. Your name may be on the account, but don't get any wrong ideas: '...all things come from You, and out of Your own [hand] we have given You' (1Chronicles 29:14 AMP). The truth is, you're the executor of God's will. So when He tells you to give a certain amount don't say, 'I'll think about it and get back to You.' And don't try to bargain, for on the other end of every act of obedience there is a blessing waiting.

'If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land' (Isaiah 1:19).

Second, remember that God is your source.

You don't have a thing He didn't give you:

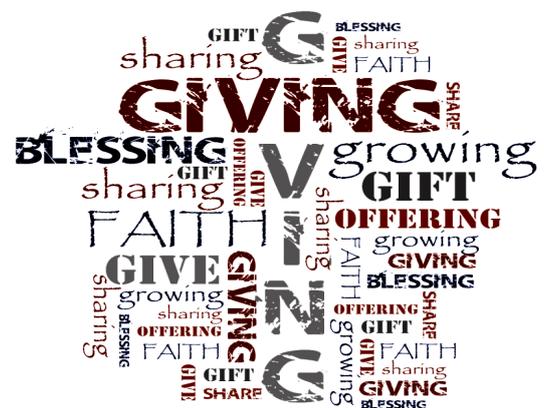
'Every good gift... is from above, and comes down from the Father...' (James 1:17 NKJV).

It's okay to enjoy your money, invest your money and share your money, as long as you trust only in '... the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy' (1 Timothy 6:17 KJV).

Third, remember that every spending decision is a spiritual decision.

Your chequebook will reflect your priorities. So what does yours say? When it came to giving, the Macedonian Christians did it right: 'They gave not only what they could afford, but far more... their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do' (2 Cor 8:3-5 NLT). When you give God your heart, you'll have no trouble giving Him anything else.

Bob Gass, The Word for Today



God's Plan For You

Many New Zealanders today waste an enormous fortune in rent or mortgage interest and devote their entire working lives to live in a house that others can admire.

God doesn't want a house to be the desire and focus of your life, wasting your efforts and resources in this way - He has better plans for you - He has your best interests at heart!

Deciding to be content is the greatest financial investment you can make.

Does this mean that we should be homeless? No it doesn't. God knows what you need and delights to give good gifts to those who ask him.

Liberty Trust can help you to have a home without wasting enormous sums on rent or mortgage interest, while following Godly principles of stewardship and helping others at the same time.

The house that God has in mind for you may not be as big or grand as your neighbour's but you can be sure that it will be everything you need.

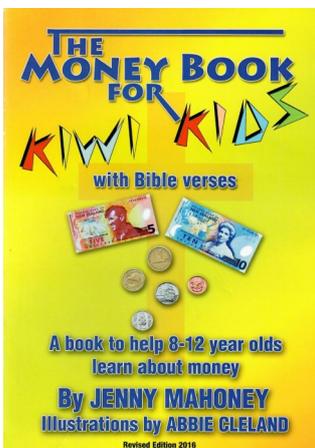
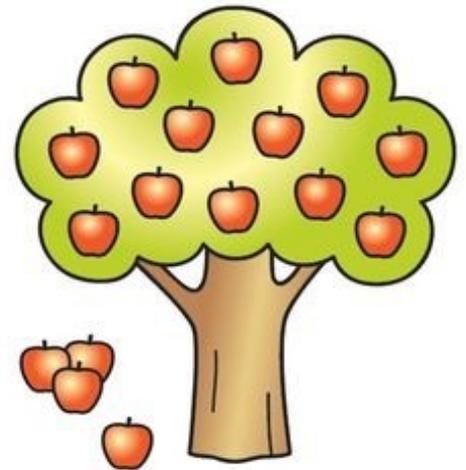


God makes sure that the sparrow has a nest.

God made sure that all of the nation of Israel had a place in the Promised Land.

God's plan is for you to be at peace under your own fruit tree.

*Everyone will sit under their own vine
and under their own fig tree,
and no one will make them afraid,
for the Lord Almighty has spoken.
Micah 4:4*

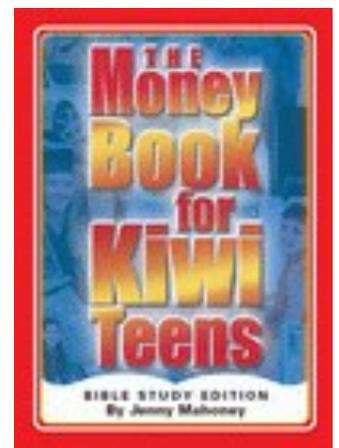


The Money Book for Kiwi Kids

Written for 8-12 year old NZ'ers to learn about money. Forty-four pages filled with real life examples, quirky illustrations & relevant Bible verses

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