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Welcome!

A special welcome to 21 new contributors from St Heliers, Takanini, Mt Eden, Whakatane, Wellington, Australia, Manurewa, Hamilton, Taneatua, Shelly Park, Henderson, Whangarei, Glen Eden & Timaru. It's wonderful to have you join us.



On 5 July & 19 July we are having special celebrations in Whakatane & Auckland for our Silver Anniversary.

It will be a wonderful time to meet and celebrate with a three course dinner, entertainment and notable speakers. Mark one of these dates on your calendars, RSVP, and come and celebrate what God has done!

Tickets are \$25 per person, complimentary for past & present members - so if you join Liberty Trust you can attend for free!

- **Whakatane** 6.30pm Sat 5 July at Liberty Life Church; or
- **Auckland** 6.30pm Sat 19 July at The Life Church, Penrose

Thank you to everyone who has already contacted us. Seats are filling up fast. If you haven't yet RSVP'ed please email admin@libertytrust.org.nz.

We will also hold a special church service at Whakatane Liberty Life Church on Sunday 6 July and at the Life Church in Penrose on Sunday 20 July - both commencing at 9.30am. We would love to see you there.



A Family Heritage

Houses and wealth are inherited from parents. Proverbs 19 v 14

Providing houses for one's children might seem an impossible dream to those who are finding it difficult enough to buy and pay-off a home for themselves, but the fact is, it isn't just 'a cultural thing'. It was and still is very much a Bible principle, and Biblical principles don't change. The provision of houses is 'inter-generational'.

None of us remember The Great Depression of 1929-33, but this had such a traumatic effect upon our forefathers that it is still affecting our lives today. Within the space of three years entire estates were wiped out, leaving bitter memories and a sense of insecurity and fear in the children (our grandparents) as they grew up. Although their parents no doubt wanted to provide homes for their children as their parents had for them, few could now afford to. The Great Depression left a whole generation of children having to provide for their own housing. As a consequence many formed the attitude that "as their parents hadn't helped them buy a home, why should they help theirs?"

Tragically this is the attitude of many parents today. Partly it is a defence because understandably they are unable to provide homes for their children. Instead of a continuing loving/caring relationship by parents for their children, some even push their children out of the nest as early as possible in the mistaken belief that the best way to learn about life is the hard way. How tragic.

It is reported that New Zealand has one of the highest youth suicide rates in the world. In addition our society is filled with lonely grandparents. Inter-generational support must be two-way.



Kelvin Deal
Chairman

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A Family Heritage *continued*

The Bible clearly shows that 'generational relationship' must be restored once more. One of the best examples of the fruit from the principle of Sowing and Reaping is seen when parents lovingly sow into their children.

How can 'Generational Relationship' be restored?

Firstly, children learn principally by observing the example of their parents. Start by honouring and loving your parents. Children will naturally treat you as you treat your parents. The fifth of the Ten Commandments reads: "Honour your father and your mother". It's the only one of the Ten Commandments that promises a blessing. Respect and honour of parents is fundamental to the creation of secure families. Your parents may have cast you adrift, leaving you with bitter memories, but the way back to restored health and relationship is to honour them and tell them you love them.

I have heard so many testimonies told of the miraculous healings of both child and parent following the application of this simple Biblical commandment. I can testify to it myself. God once gave me the verse: "You are my Son, today I have become your Father" (Ps 2:7) when I prayed about what I could say to my depressed elderly father. I later realised as a result that God had a father/son relationship with His Son too, and He wanted me to have the same relationship and begin by honouring my father. And so, to my Dad's embarrassment, I thanked him for all that he had given me. I believe this was the key to his recovery.

Secondly, love your children no matter what, and tell them often. And tell them you are proud of them. They are always your children, and always will be, even when grown-up. It is essential that every child grows up in the knowledge that his/ her parents love and think the world of them, and will always be there when needed. Remember the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

And thirdly, assist them with life as much as you are able. One of the most important gifts you can give to your children is to train them in the Bible's principles of handling money from as young as possible, and sponsor them at (say) \$10/week in Liberty Trust, and explain to them why. Training them to save can make such a huge difference later in their lives and marriages, and even in their children's lives. You can't remedy the effect of the Great Depression in just one generation, but you can make a significant step. The testimonies by children of their parent's sponsorship in this month's Ark newsletter are ample proof of this. Just as you have sponsored your children, so they follow your example and sponsor theirs, and they theirs, and so on. You will begin a Biblical heritage for your family.

Proverbs 13 v 22 says "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children". Does "inheritance" in this instance mean a legacy, given to children after the death of the last remaining parent? - No. It certainly does not. The same Hebrew word can mean either "inheritance" or "take as a heritage" (Strong's). Your children and grandchildren need your support now, not then. What is more they need you now. Tragically today we sometimes see siblings fighting over their parent's will after their death. Children hardly appreciate being given a legacy later, compared to assistance earlier in their lives. Support earlier is appreciated as a voluntary gift, given at some cost by the parents' in their lifetime, whereas a legacy of what remains after their parents die is seen by the children as cold and their lawful "right".

I can think of no Bible verse which says you should save up your possessions in order to leave them to your children when you die. Instead there are so many verses which say "Give", and warn of the consequences of hoarding more than we need. Assisting your children to own their own homes is an excellent way to provide for your family.

I believe your family's heritage is possibly the greatest gift parents and grandparents can share with their children, but it requires time and fun spent together. To deny children a rich heritage, both materially and emotionally, is to leave them emotionally as orphans. Sadly, the only heritage received by some children leaves them wishing they could have been born into some other family!

The full verse I first quoted reads in full: "Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but a prudent wife is from the Lord." (Pr 19:14) A "prudent" wife/husband is truly a gift from God but provision of houses and wealth to their children is something that parents must deliberately elect to carry out. Unlike His provision of prudent life partners, God doesn't normally supply houses.

God's ultimate plan:

"In the last days ... every man will sit under his **own** vine and under his **own** fig tree." Micah 4 v 4.

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Prov 19:14





A Leaf from the Ark

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*Working together
to release finance
for the Kingdom
of God*

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus.

We were thrilled to receive these wonderful testimonies sent to us by wonderful Saints in Dunedin, New Plymouth and Wellington. You can read many more wonderful testimonies on our website www.arkresources.co.nz.

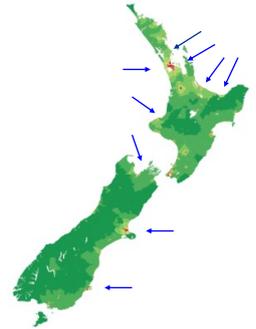
We have had a busy time lending to nine families in Nelson, Onehunga, Whangaparaoa, Whakatane, Tauranga, Kaikoura, Dunedin, Sandringham & New Plymouth in April and May and we have 14 more loans approved and ready to go!



Evan Harvey
Chairman &
Lending Officer

Most probably don't realise, but our Chairman, Evan Harvey, is a trained & experienced bank lending manager. We are very fortunate to have such a skilled person in our team, and value his services highly. Evan sees his role with Ark as an opportunity to serve his Lord with his talents & training. We don't yet have sufficient work to employ Evan full-time and are grateful that he is able to assist us after-hours, after his regular work.

He says, "When I worked for a bank I had to give out mortgages because I was required to keep up the numbers of new mortgages given, even if the mortgage wasn't really in the person's best interest. Now I have the freedom and opportunity to genuinely help people. Instead of pressure, it's now a joy".



Far Reaching Blessings

My wife and I are so thankful for the blessing that Liberty Trust has been to us so far.

One year ago we purchased our first home, and in December were offered our Liberty Trust loan.

The alignment of Liberty Trust with biblical principles is clear - God's sovereignty, sowing and reaping, faith, mutual support leading to freedom, helping those underprivileged. The list goes on.

The sowing and reaping element is something that I really value. My parents had the foresight and faith to start investing into the Liberty Trust process a number of years ago, and we have since been blessed with the privilege of sowing into something that was directly benefiting others. During the period over which we completed paying the initial loan contribution, we learnt how to save, to live on less, and will in the long term reap the benefit of being free from debt.

With a baby due in October we are busy preparing ourselves for the change that will follow. It is a huge blessing to be able to continue making significant loan repayments during a time in our life when it would otherwise have been almost impossible to see this progress. We thoroughly recommend Liberty Trust and are so thankful for the far reaching blessings it has and will continue to provide.

Malachi 3:10: Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it".

Tim & Hollie Buchanan



Blessings after Uzbekistan

Dear All

What a wonderful feeling to finish our loan repayments.

Thank you so much to all of you whose vision brought this organisation into being. We realise it was not without huge commitment and sacrifice.

We were missionaries on home break in 1995 when we heard of Liberty Trust and decided to join with a designated \$50,000 loan.

At that time we had no idea about our future apart from another season in Uzbekistan.

Our lives were about to change radically and by the end of 1996 we became first time parents through adoption for our Uzbek son. We returned to NZ late 2000 having seen many miracles as God made a way for our son to be adopted.

On our return Nigel returned to business ownership (with financial help) in a partnership arrangement and that led on to building work premises.

When our loan came available it was used to free us from a bank loan related to the business premises.

God has blessed us with amazing financial recovery after ten years without substantial income.

Our loan from Ark Resources has been such a help and we hope our son will soon be able to be contributing to his own future interest free loan.

Thank you so much and Bless you all in this wonderful work.

Carol & Nigel in Christ



*You, my brothers and sisters,
were called to be free.*

*But do not use your freedom
to indulge the flesh;*

*rather, serve one another
humbly in love. Gal 5:13*

Made all the Difference to our Financial Future

For the past 12 years, since I was 13 years old, my father has encouraged me to put at least \$10 a week into Liberty Trust.

My wife and I have been married for 3 years. Throughout our marriage we have studied at university and both received a degree. We have both worked full time, however our respective salaries have been ordinary.

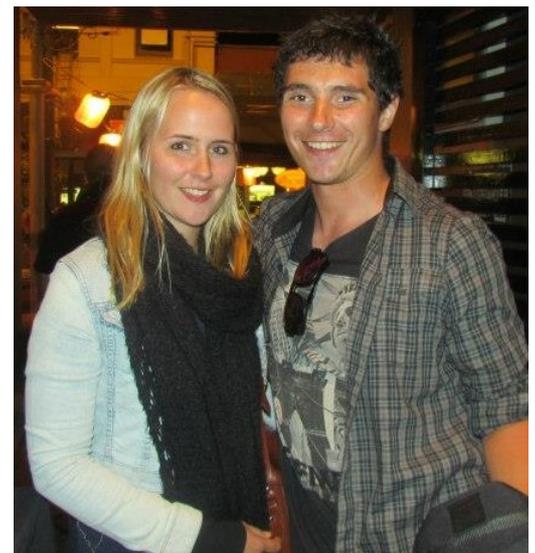
Nine months ago we purchased our first home together with the help of the Liberty Trust loan that I had accrued throughout my childhood. I am convinced that we could not have done this without the help of our Liberty Trust loan, and without it, we would have been saving another three years before we could think about buying a house.

I did not realise how important my contributions to Liberty Trust were going to be throughout my childhood. However, they have made all the difference to our financial future. Liberty Trust is an incredible way of using kingdom principles to collectively see each other released from the chains that finance can wrap around you.

This is a God-breathed initiative that causes you to help yourself, while you help others.

God Bless

Caleb and Rhiannon McConnell



*For as high as the heavens are
above the earth, so great is his
love for those who fear him.*

Psalm 103:11

