



# Liberty Matters

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Welcome to "Liberty Matters, Vol 2 No.1". Liberty Matters very much, as the Bible tells us to "Stand Fast in the Liberty with which Christ has made us free",.... and "Not to be entangled again with the yoke of Bondage". Because of Liberty Trust it is possible to be free from the bondage of mortgages, as 58 people have already testified. Liberty Trust has given out 58 mortgages interest-free, and has recently recommended to the investment company that several more be released. Praise God, His principles which have been followed by faithful men and women in these times, have proven themselves, as you will read.

## Kelvin Writes:

Well! We are almost over the long period of change to our legal structure. There are now only three mortgages still to be transferred to Ark Resources Ltd. We really appreciate all your effort to fill in the new forms. The legal restructuring has made no change to our policy and vision or the terms under which you have joined, apart from a once-only charge of \$400 to each new mortgage given, for administration costs.

As discussed in our last newsletter, the change in the method of allocating new mortgages is not due to the legal restructuring. The Trustees have long been concerned that with new people joining each month, a person could theoretically wait 100 years for a random ballot. Undoubtedly God told us in 1988 to "cast lots" (Prov. 16v33). Only He could determine the order fairly between the original 122 contributors who all started at the same time in 1989. But was the ballot still in God's plan, now that we were no longer a closed group?

In order to put a limit on the wait for a mortgage we announced in our February 1996 newsletter that there would be a 'two-tier ballot'. Each second mortgage we gave would be on the basis of 'sequence of joining'. This immediately brought down the longest period a person could wait to eleven years. The average was still eight or nine years.

The Trustees were still concerned that a maximum wait of eleven years was still too long. In addition, each person who received a mortgage ahead of their sequence of joining caused everyone else to receive their mortgage later. Also we were still not able to answer the question frequently asked "How long must I wait?". And let's face it - people today need to be able to plan their finance with some certainty.

Now, after four years of prayerful consideration we have followed through with the other half of the change we introduced in 1996, and allocate all mortgages in order of joining. We believe this is the fairest system and the one God intends for this time. Give us a call if you would like to discuss this further.

Kelvin Deal, Chairman

Liberty Trust's logo has always been the Ark, God's place of safety over troubled seas, under the Rainbow of His Blessing, and it has not changed.

We welcome several new members to Liberty Trust, from Christchurch, Raumati South, Cambridge, and Wellington. Great to have you join us.

In this issue, we feature Elaine Bateson, another of our Trustees, and what is on our Chairman's heart. We include also the first issue of Ark Resources Ltd newsletter, "A Leaf from the Ark".

Another outworking of God's goodness is of a family which emigrated and gave their Liberty Trust to their friend. However, several months' contributions were not paid. Friend (who is a solo mother) reminded us that she had contributed to Liberty Trust many years earlier. Donations had been held meantime, and now this amount of \$1,683 has been added to the gift, so there are no contribution arrears after all, (because donations of members who stop, remain their donations, until we are instructed otherwise).

May God bless you, and keep you in His care.



Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6 v 9

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# Portrait of a Trustee

Elaine Bateson is a lady of Vision for things of God, like her brothers and sister, Pastors Maurice, Bruce, Ian, & Tricia McDonald. Therefore it is no surprise that she has been a Trustee of Liberty Trust since its very beginning. Elaine and her husband Alan form the partnership in Covenant Homes Ltd, which employs their four sons, and others.

Greetings to you our friends in Liberty Trust.

What a blessing it has been to be involved with Liberty Trust from the outset. As one of the founding Trustees I well remember our first year of weekly prayer meetings at the Whakatane Baptist Church. Liberty Trust was birthed in prayer following a vision from the Lord to one of our Church members showing her that God wanted his people to pool resources and lend to one another to release His people from the bondage of mortgages and debt.

God has been so faithful and we walked carefully and stayed close to Him as we sought to set up His plan to set people financially free through Liberty Trust.

It has been a blessing to be a part of this work in the Kingdom of God. God's ways are so much higher than ours and as we together seek to outwork His Kingdom living and Kingdom giving I pray that we will experience something more of the heart of God.

I want to encourage all those who read this newsletter that you cannot out-give God. We can trust Him in our finances as we trust Him in our lives.

A verse that has always meant a lot to me we read in Philippians 4v19 "But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus". Our heavenly Father knows all our needs and we can trust Him for our supply. In the words of our Lord Jesus in Acts 20v35 "It is more blessed to give than to receive".

I am sure that we in Liberty Trust can say AMEN to that. The Lord bless you all as you continue in this ministry and may God bless you abundantly.

Yours in Christ Jesus

Elaine Bateson (Trustee)



But God forbid that I should glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6 v 14

Thanks to member  
Barrie Woolston  
of Marton for this gem.

