



Liberty Matters

PARACHUTE 2002

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It rocked!

It's official, Parachute 2002 was the biggest Christian event not only in NZ, not only in the Southern Hemisphere but the biggest Christian music event ever held outside America in the history of the world! (Excluding of course the crossing of the Red Sea and other events before Christ).

Delirious was there, World Vision was there and Liberty Trust was there! Eight of us swapped six sweaty shirts and stood proudly before your testimonies. Our banner boldly



Colleen, Kerryanne, Tom, Kathleen & Kelvin
Also Aaron, Robin & Kerrin

proclaimed "Pooling Resources to help one another be better stewards" and "A Community of God's People helping one another be greater givers". And the backs of our shirts proclaimed "Putting God's Financial Principles into Action".

We had no idea what to expect so we took lots of brochures and printed a two page summary of what we and Ark Resources do together entitled "Finance for God's Kingdom". We were kept busy with many sincere enquirers and are pleased we had the opportunity to answer many questions on God's financial principles and give advice on how to reduce debts and give in greater measure to God. Now we wait with anticipation to see what the response will be!

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When did you last check out our website? Well it's bigger and better than ever. The latest and, I think, greatest thing to hit our site are the colourful, unique, sometimes sensational, and always remarkable testimonies from those who have received interest free loans.
Check it out!

I know that everything God does will endure forever;
nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it.
God does it so that men will revere Him.

Ecclesiastes 3 verse 14

Parachute 2002 –Kelvin's Reflections

We came, we saw and we conquered. Well it felt like that.

What an awesome experience it is living with tens of thousands of young Christians. The joy, the love, you just feel it everywhere. And worshipping together—it's the closest I have been to heaven.

And for those who say they are too old—well I have turned 60 this month. I can only repent that this was my first Parachute experience. Camped as we were in the family area the only noise we heard was from children's programme.

The Parachute Festival over Auckland's Anniversary weekend is rapidly becoming an event where Christians can reunite with their friends from throughout New Zealand once a year and listen to the very best in Christian teachers from a choice of four venues and be inspired by God's Spirit through the enthusiasm and joy of God's Church. And of course you can sample the greatest in contemporary Christian music from a choice of seven massive stages.

How did Liberty Trust get to be at Parachute? In November we were contacted by a stranger who told one of our trustees that it was time Liberty Trust went to Parachute. He offered to help and is planning to become a member. How could we refuse?

Before we left God told me that we must go with the vision that Liberty Trust is a key element in His end-time program for the maturing of His people, the evangelisation of the world and the return of Christ.

So we booked a display site, ordered eight metres of banner, printed 1,000 copies of recently written "Finance for God's Kingdom", created a new Power Point presentation and colour copied our 70+ member testimonies and photos and headed off, with brochures and Bible studies, tents and sun-tan lotion and every conceivable item we might need to create a display. As it happened the site we had ordered turned out to be around the corner of the marquee so we improvised with lots of string and sellotape.

And as for our team—they were wonderful. Despite the initial shock when I announced that I wished we go, the team rallied round and we had more than enough help from set-up on Thursday to pull-down the following Tuesday. Each day started with worship at 8am and the display was open until midnight or later each night. When we took breaks we weren't sure whether to go jump in the Mosh Pit, collapse in a hot tent or join in the excitement of the Village.

What did we achieve?

First of all we achieved recognition and respect from the body – something I hadn't realised was so important. Just being there with the respected and well-known organisations like World Vision, Voice of the Martyrs and Open Home Foundation gave us prestige. Most people had never heard of Liberty Trust. Many others had heard of us many years ago and wondered what had become of us.

I was invited to share Liberty Trust on Radio Rhema on Monday 4 February and we have been flooded with enquiries from listeners. I have also been invited to address students at a Bible College in April. We made many contacts with other ministries there and we were able to explain that we were there to support their ministries, sharing a common vision. As well, we were able to share Liberty Trust with I don't know how many people and give them a brochure and summary of our activities. How many joined? None yet. In the excitement that is Parachute we felt it best for people to take away our literature to read and join when they have had time to prayerfully think about it.

As for the future, we plan to attend as many similar gatherings as we can each year and present the vision that Christ is preparing His Church.



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