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PARACHUTE † 03

Teens, sun, sounds, missions, mortgages...

... memories from Parachute '03

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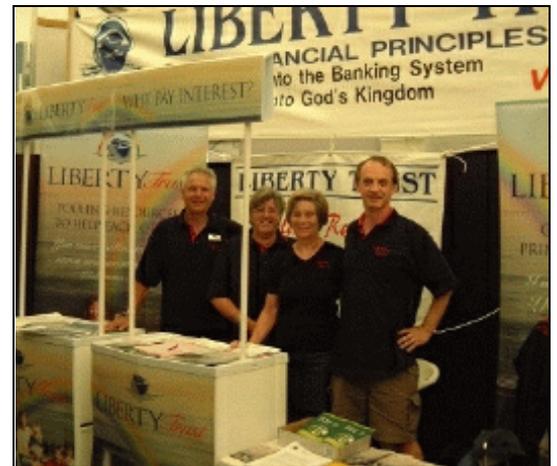
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An audience of 25,000 and plenty to show them; it was great to have good visual display materials, staff and information to go with our great message! There was plenty of solid interest in Liberty Trust's offering, with encouraging approaches from several missions groups looking to assist their long-term missionaries when they return from the field.

We'll be sending out the newsletters to another 50 people, many by email, and about 20 people requested forms to join Liberty Trust. The message that you can help others while helping yourself, and give to the kingdom instead of the world is an attractive one.

Our next round of activities will take the form of church visits. Many people have not heard of Liberty Trust yet. It is not a secret! If you would like us to share the message of Bible principles of finance and save your people the cost of mortgages, then drop us a line. Meanwhile, keep sharing the vision and opportunity with those you know, and we'll keep you informed with results so we may be mutually encouraged (cf Rom 1:12).
Robin Deal

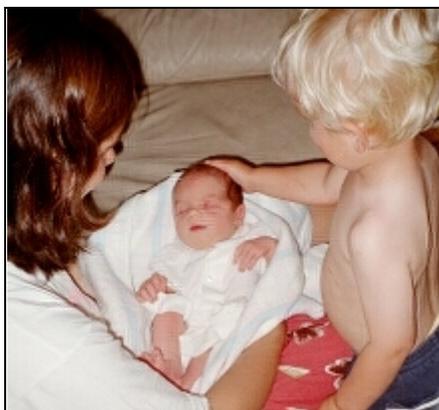


Kelvin, Colleen, Kathleen & Mark at Parachute

We are thrilled to welcome a Tauranga family, a Christchurch married couple and an Auckland teenager who have joined and are now pooling their resources to help others.

Congratulations

to Kerryanne and Aaron on the birth of their little girl. Hadassah was born on 5 December and is a real sweetie.



Kerryanne and son Daniel admiring new-born Hadassah

Valuable Virtual Variety

For your convenience and our sanity we are now sending virtual newsletters. So to receive these on your very own computer please send a virtual note to info@libertytrust.org.nz. You can specify whether you'd enjoy the brilliant colour of html format or just plain old boring text. ?

You can also read and print all our newsletters and info from our website: www.libertytrust.org.nz



The time to start

When is the best time to commence contributing to Liberty Trust?

We are pleased to welcome 17 year-old Sophie as our newest member. Sophie has watched her parent's example and read our website and now has decided to contribute to set others free and receive her blessing in due season. The Investor Monthly (February 2003, page 40) suggests:

A realistic goal is to be mortgage-free by the time you are 50-55. Paying off a mortgage before retirement helps greatly in further wealth accumulation goals.

Sophie can expect to be mortgage-free by the time she is 34! Think of the freedom she will have to fulfill God's calling without these extra 20 years of debt repayment.

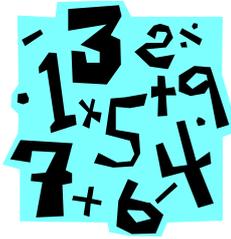
Not many teenagers have the maturity or capability to support this commitment and we encourage parents to take the initiative and get them started. A membership started for a teenager can be transferred to them when they begin working and is greatly welcomed when they are ready for a loan in their mid-twenties.

However many of our contributors do not start until they feel the pressure of supporting a mortgage and a growing family! It is not too late but is definitely not so easy.

By the mid-forties when the family is growing up many people find that pooling resources through Liberty Trust enables them to provide for their retirement and pass on a blessed heritage.

Of course for all ages—the best time to join is now. Because from all ages we hear the lament:

I wish I'd joined 10 years ago!



To the trustees of Liberty Trust

I just wanted to let you know that I am married and expecting my first baby this year. We have been with Liberty Trust for just over five years. My parents paid in for the first two years then passed it over to me as a gift. Now my husband and I do it together.

Liberty Trust has provided me with a bright future and now it includes my husband and our baby. The work you do is truly a blessing to others and above all to God. Jeremiah 29 v 11 is a verse I keep dear to my heart as I'm sure you all have a verse similar.



Yours sincerely
Tracy Marr

Summer Highlights

Well Christmas is over. I hope you have had a blessed time with family and friends as we have.

Christmas preparations for Liberty Trust culminated with the birth of a daughter to Kerryanne and husband Aaron on 5 December.

Her name is Hadassah, which was the Hebrew name of Esther (Esther 2 verse 7). It was a trouble-free home birth. We were privileged to be present as grandparents.

Two highlights for us have been Ark Resources' November announcement of a seven year contribution holiday. This will mean that most are enabled to be debt-free 18 months sooner as a result. Following this we wrote to each of the New Zealand Associated Pentecostal churches and Baptist churches suggesting that they consider sponsoring their pastors or workers into Liberty Trust.

Another highlight was being able to take this news to Parachute 2003. Our response there was probably double that of the previous year. I felt we were more accepted as part of the New Zealand ministry scene, and not just the new chums at Parachute. Furthermore we had a much better display thanks to Robin, our marketing co-coordinator.

Before Christmas I was talking with Robin's next-door neighbour and found that he was a returned missionary. When the conversation turned to Liberty Trust I explained that "missions" was at the heart of our goal to enable Christians to better serve, that we had just written to 1300 churches recommending they sponsor church workers and missionaries. "Why don't you take it to the mission societies?" he said, "and we will go to the churches for sponsorship ourselves". Good thinking!

In talking to those at Parachute I found that most mission societies don't provide anything for missionaries once they return. As a result many are waiting until middle-age and buying a home as an investment before they go overseas—others return penniless. Going around the displays I was touched by the number of keen young people who are burdened with hire purchase and student loans. These burdens are an anchor, preventing them from obeying the call on their hearts. "Pray that the Lord will thrust out workers unto His harvest" Matthew 9 verse 38, Luke 10 verse 2.

Can we provide homes for missionaries? Yes. Let's do it!



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