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Hello everyone. We trust that you are keeping warm during these cool Winter nights.

We'd like to say an especially big welcome to three families who have joined Liberty Trust since our last newsletter.

- A professional couple from Dargaville who have now joined for themselves as well as sponsoring their children.
- Nelson missionaries, leaving soon with OMS, and
- A secondary school teacher to Pakistan, who is home in Christchurch expecting their first child.

Here are some of their comments:

- *Glad to put something into the Kingdom work and later to be able to receive something back which can help my kids out.*
- *We continue to think it is a great scheme, using the resources available to extend the Kingdom of God, in a way that is clearly and intrinsically God honouring.*

We are so thrilled when people pick up the real vision of Liberty Trust, and join to pool resources and help each other provide a storehouse for God's workers and future generations. Deut 14:28



Thank you Linda for this verse:

*Through skillful and  
Godly wisdom is a house  
[a life, a home, a family] built,  
and by understanding is it  
established on a sound and  
good foundation.  
And by knowledge shall the  
chambers [of its every area]  
be filled with all precious and  
pleasant riches.*

Proverbs 24 verses 3—4 Amp

# Happy Birthday!

This month signals Liberty Trust's 15th birthday! We've come a long way from our humble beginnings birthed in prayer in 1988. An intercessor saw the burden bank mortgages and interest rates were inflicting on the financial liberty of God's people. As interest rates rose, giving slowed, and church ministries were suffering. God revealed to her the answer was to come through people pooling their resources and taking turns to pay off each other's mortgages. He warned many would not be ready but instructed she should take the vision to her pastor who would put it into operation.

After a year of prayer and research Liberty Trust was opened to the pioneers who each pledged to give \$20 per week to the Liberty Trust storehouse. Three years later we opened up our doors to further members, then later, more flexible amounts. Now after 15 years these pioneers and 50 newer members have been offered interest free loans, and we have raised almost \$3 million, bringing liberty to God's people.

Read more > [www.libertytrust.org.nz/beginnings.htm](http://www.libertytrust.org.nz/beginnings.htm)

WHAT'S  
NEW

There are so many pages of information on our Liberty Trust website that we've added a new page called "What's New" to help you locate the new stuff!

As well as 91 testimonies from members, the last 20 newsletters, profiles of trustees and support staff and all our info and forms we've now added 14 pages of Biblical financial teaching, and 25 newsletters which date back to our very beginnings in July 1989. They make interesting reading as they chronicle the journey God has led us through.

Demographers once predicted that a third of Aucklanders would be renting by 2030. They were wrong. Already we have reached that figure! Now they are predicting that by 2030 *half* will be renting. This is consistent with world-wide trends.

## A Man's home is his Castle

I believe that like marriage, home ownership is important to a family's stability. Ownership brings identity and citizenship within a community and security to the children. It wasn't until Abraham purchased a plot of land in Canaan to bury Sarah that the local people accepted him as a friend. Ownership was so important to God that each family in Israel was given their own piece of land to be held forever in perpetuity.



Kelvin Deal, Chairman

## The Selfish Generation

Demographers also tell us that today's baby boomers are retiring relatively wealthy. They are the investors who are driving up prices and rents. For their retirement they are building new luxury homes and pushing up the price of coastal properties world-wide. Yet many are too self-centred to help their children toward buying homes.

## The Purposeless Generation

Because of rising rents and prices, compounded by student debt, children of the baby boomer's are finding it increasingly difficult to purchase a home. Many despair of ever saving a deposit for a home and choose instead to spending their money on luxuries such as home theatres, and vacations, simply giving up the goal of home ownership. Proverbs 29 verse 18 says "*Without a vision the people dwell carelessly*" (AV). Isn't this exactly what is happening to this generation! And these are the ones who will likely retire without savings or superannuation.

## The Answer

*These should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family... If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (1 Tim 4:4b,8 NIV)*

*A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children. (Prov 13:22a NIV)*

Liberty Trust provides the perfect answer for parents and grandparents. By starting their family in Liberty Trust, they enable their children to obtain their home interest free, while they contribute to God's Kingdom and build resources for future generations.

*Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. (Pr 22:6 NIV)*

We must train as we assist so that our family can apply God's financial principles to their own lives and be responsible stewards of God's resources.

Even \$20 per week into Liberty Trust is enough to give hope to build on. Build a heritage for future generations; help your children into their first home, just as they did in Bible times.



- Liberty Trust will be presented at three **Promise Keepers** events this year, in Tauranga (20-21 August), Auckland (8-9 October) and Wellington (29-30 October). More details 0800 PROMISE or email [pk@promisekeepers.org.nz](mailto:pk@promisekeepers.org.nz). We'd love to meet you there!
- Kelvin will speak on "The Bible & Borrowing" at the Tauranga **Kingdom Builders** conference on Saturday 11 September. For further information please phone 0800 999 777 or email [kingdombuilders@bcnz.ac.nz](mailto:kingdombuilders@bcnz.ac.nz).

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