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We are pleased to welcome seven new members since our last newsletter. These include a family from Gore who are joining for their children, a High School student, a Dargaville family who are sponsoring another of their children, a lady from Taradale, a young lady who is training to be an accountant, a Christchurch couple, and a Whangaparoa mother, who has received her interest free loan, is sponsoring another of her children.

Kelvin & Kathleen had a wonderful time attending Congress 05, near Wellington, last month and were encouraged by the recognition given to Liberty Trust by other leaders.

We would like to hold displays at the Promise Keepers men's conferences held in Dunedin, Tauranga, Christchurch, Wellington & Auckland in the coming months. If you are able to help we'd love to hear from you.



*What a person plants,
he will harvest. The
person who plants
selfishness, ignoring
the needs of others -
ignoring God! -
harvests a crop of
weeds. All he'll have
to show for his life is
weeds!*

*But the one who plants
in response to God,
letting God's Spirit do
the growth work in
him, harvests a crop of
real life, eternal life.*



*“... Those who are
LOVING and
KIND show
that they are the
CHILDREN
of God ...”
1 JOHN 4 : 7*

To All Liberty Trust Members,

This is a huge Thank You to the Liberty team for your vision and courage to put the Trust into place.

One thing we have realised is that it is all with God's grace, that whatever we possess, be it health, intellect, wealth or good looks, is not our own, as He can take it off us whenever He likes. Also that nothing would happen be it not in His will.

We therefore send you all our gratitude for being His faithful servants and providing us with such a tremendous financial relief. We still find it difficult to believe that our mortgage is paid off now, so that we may be able to provide for others.

Next we would like to have a few month's break and to start one or two memberships for our children after that.

May God's Grace and Love be always with you,
Clive, Eve and Melissa Lee



*So let's not allow
ourselves to get
fatigued doing good.
At the right time we
will harvest a good
crop if we don't give
up, or quit.*

*Right now, therefore,
every time we get the
chance, let us work for
the benefit of all,
starting with the people
closest to us in the
community of faith.*

Gal 6:9-10 (TM)

Kelvin's Corner

Winter seems to be here with a vengeance this year. Meanwhile the trustees have been busy exploring new initiatives that we look forward to sharing with you.

Kathleen and I were honoured to attend Congress 05 at Waikanae at the end of May, representing Liberty Trust. Congress is a meeting of Christian leaders, held every five years, to look at where the New Zealand church is at and plan its directional goals for the next five years. Above all it is an exercise in unity among the leaders.

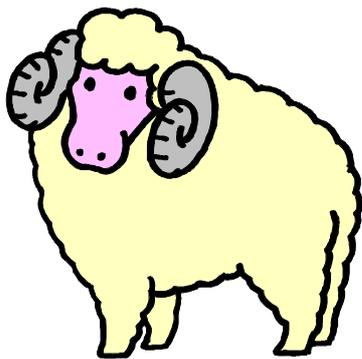
We were pleased to find that approximately one in every three delegates were also leaders of para-church organisations. This speaks well of the energy and vision of the New Zealand Church. Conversations usually began with "Now what do you do?". Liberty Trust was one of twenty-five displays there. We always received interest and respect from the church leaders we spoke with.

In the last newsletter I spoke of Liberty Trust's plans to assist parents to train their children. New memberships have continued to climb. So far this year we have received double the amount of applications that we received last year. And we are only six months into the year! Most are families or current members who wish to contribute for their children. They are sowing by teaching, and building a family heritage that will last and bear fruit as God has promised.



Kelvin Deal, Chairman

Following the crowd?



Turkish Sheep Follow Leader Off Cliff

09/07/2005, Reuters

Hundreds of sheep followed their leader off a cliff in eastern Turkey, plunging to their deaths this week while shepherds looked on in dismay.

Four hundred sheep fell 15 metres to their deaths in a ravine in Van province near Iran but broke the fall of another 1,100 animals who survived, newspaper reports said on Friday.

Shepherds from Ikizler village neglected the flock while eating breakfast, leaving the sheep to roam free, the Radikal daily said. The loss to local farmers was estimated at 100,000 new lira (42,802 pounds).

Follow the good shepherd,
who looks after His sheep

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The borrower becomes the lender's slave. - Pr 22:7

Money Matters

Buying stuff you don't need, with money you don't have, to impress people you don't know, is no way to live! Here are 2 simple truths about your money that you need to keep in mind:

- 1) Money won't make you happy!
Now most of us agree, yet we act like it will. We're better paid, better fed and better educated than ever. Yet the divorce rate has doubled, the teen suicide rate has tripled, and depression has soared in the last 30 years. Two thousand years ago Seneca wrote, "Money, of itself, has yet to make anyone rich." Why? Because you are what you are - no matter how much or how little you have.
- 2) Debt will make you unhappy!
Samuel Butler, who satirised Victorian life in England, wrote, "All progress seems based upon a universal desire...to live beyond one's income." That's why Solomon wrote, "The borrower becomes the lender's slave." Do you want to be a slave? If not, work toward getting out of debt!

Now purchasing a home, buying a car, improving your education or investing in a business are good things - as long as you manage them well. But too many of us incur debt for frivolous stuff. When you're still paying for something you didn't need, no longer use or even have, you're not being wise. To reduce your debt: (a) honour God with your giving; (b) live on a budget; (c) don't expect instant miracles; (d) seek professional help. Don't let your possessions possess you. If you're a slave to debt, find a way to free yourself!

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