

# Gloriavale —

## **Answering Your Questions**

***People are asking about our life, our trust, and if we pay tax.***

**Here is a simple answer, and we pray it will answer your questions.**

Gloriavale Christian Community is made up of 550 people who have forsaken all in this life to follow the Lord Jesus Christ in all things according to the New Testament, and to love one another as he loved us. We hold to a purity of life and life-long marriage, and we love and receive all the children that God gives us. As in the establishment of the Church of Jesus Christ in the New Testament, we all live together in one place and have all things common. No one owns anything personally, nor lives to care for themselves, but all work and share in love together to provide for everyone equally, including the widows and fatherless, and the aged, sick and infirm. We don't take any dependent welfare benefits, like superannuation, sickness benefits, widows or domestic purposes benefits, unemployment benefits, nor any Accident Compensation cash payments or student loans. Leaders receive nothing extra, but if there is any shortage, they gladly go without to provide for others.

To make this life possible, we registered a charitable trust, The Christian Church Community Trust, to own and provide all the land, buildings, livestock, plant and machinery and other assets needed for this Community way of life. The trust funds are applied for religious and educational purposes, and to help people in need outside Gloriavale.

We have never asked for or received any donations for this Trust from anyone outside Gloriavale. All donations to this Trust have come only from Christian Community members. In the early years, all funds came from founding members of the Christian Community who donated their inheritance money or sold their houses, land and other assets, and donated the proceeds to the Trust. These funds enabled the Trust to purchase the initial land, buildings, livestock, plant & machinery, vehicles and other assets needed to live in the Christian Community. The Trust's land has greatly appreciated in value since then.

Subsequently, a number of companies were incorporated within Gloriavale to bring regular income into the Community. These companies lease much of the Trust's assets (including land, buildings, livestock, plant and machinery), and these leases provide on-going income for the Trust. In addition, all Community members who provide labour services for these companies donate some of their personal income to the Trust, after paying their own tax and ACC, as also do the staff in the Community's school and early childhood centres.

We pay standard company tax and personal tax. Company tax is paid on profits realised by the group of companies, and every income earning member pays personal income tax.

We never borrow money, take out mortgages, or charge or receive interest.

Anyone who chooses to embrace our New Testament faith may become a member.

**If you have any interest in our way of life, you are welcome to contact us on  
03 738 0257, 03 738 0519, or email [trust@gloriavale.co.nz](mailto:trust@gloriavale.co.nz) .**