

*We, the Kirkhorn family live since 15 years in a large villa in Dalby, close to Lund, where we have rooms for 5-6 persons apart from our own family. This since we have had a longing for many years to live together with others in the close brotherly fellowship Jesus wanted for His disciples. We build our fellowship on Christian values, but you don't have to be a practicing Christian to be part of the living.*

Sweden today is the number one country of single-person households in the world. The richer we become, the more alienated, and loneliness has become a national disease. We are losing our ability to sustain close relationships and many are suffering the consequences of this. By living together we want to repossess the closeness, emotional well-being and support gained from friendships where one is accepted as one is.

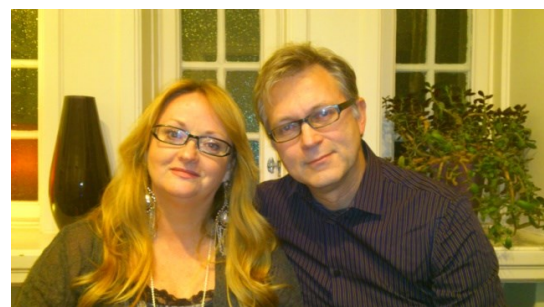


The type of living we offer, is a single furnished room with WC and shower, a shared kitchen and access to the living-room and garden. It is based on the idea of community living – a combination of dormitory living and a big family. Every one living in the community/fellowship is responsible for their own financial support through either a part time job or studies, and together we'll spend a large portion of our spare time on the house fellowship, and on working for Gods kingdom: everyone is welcome to morning and evening prayers, we have a daily dinner, and other everyday fellowship. Guests are welcome to the dinner table.



It isn't compulsory to take part of everything every day – sometimes one needs to rest and have time for oneself. However, the idea of living in a fellowship as this is to come close to one another, to work together and to grow as

humans and Christians. We want to show that alone in not strong, but that strength comes through close and open relationships with others, where we respect each others differences and make use of the diversity among Gods people.



The fellowship is open to everyone, non-practicing Christians as well as Christians from all denominations. If you want more information, welcome to contact us by e-mail (see next page).

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## **General information on the housing**

### **The house, rooms and rents**

The house is an old brick villa from 1915 and houses our family and five rental rooms in various sizes and shapes, from 14 to 21 sqm, each room with its own bathroom. Lodgers share a kitchen, and most of the time have access to the living-room and the garden. In the basement there's a laundry and in the attic there's a small storage space where lodgers can keep a suitcase or two.

We usually rent out for 12-month-periods (August – July). The rent is between SEK 5000 – 5706 depending on the size of the room (aug 2023). Apart from water and heat, the rent includes electricity, wireless internet connection and furniture hire. On moving in a deposit of one month's rent is paid, which is returned on leaving the room and key under condition that the room is in the same state as when you moved in. Lodgers help keep the house in order by cleaning common areas once a week (it takes about 1 – 1,5 hour). A couple of times per semester we do some larger house-work together (trimming bushes, weeding, painting etc.). For everyone's comfort we will maintain a low volume in the house – if you want to play your music loud you must use earphones. To reduce the risk of fire, it is not allowed to use electrical devises that produce heat in the room.

### **What to bring**

Apart from personal belongings you will need bed-linen, towels, pillow and blanket, kitchen-towel, breakfast and lunch china and cutlery for yourself and any guest you may have. You don't need to bring pots or pans or other large kitchen utensils. However, the china and cutlery in the house are for the joint evening meals.

### **Dalby and its surroundings**

Dalby is located 10 km from Lund and a part of the municipal of Lund. Most people who live here work in Lund or Malmö. It takes 15-20 minutes by bus from Dalby to the center of Lund and buses leave 2-8 times an hour during the day and 1-2 times an hour in the evenings and on weekends until 2:00 a.m. There is also a direct bus-connection with Malmö 1-2 times an hour with a few more departures in the morning and late afternoon. Dalby is very popular for its beautiful nature – we have Sweden's oldest national park, Dalby Söderskog. We also have the oldest preserved stone church in all the Nordic countries dating from the 10<sup>th</sup> century. In the summertime lots of young people come to swim in the old stone quarry. Except from Dalby Gästis (Inn), the village has 3 restaurants/pizzerias, a little market with food-store and post office, liquour-store, florists, bakery, pharmacy, gym and library, and an activities-house for all ages which houses a low-cost café. Sweden's first primary medical-care center is also located in Dalby. The gym-halls in the schools have different sport-groups in the evenings.

### **The fellowship**

As you have read above, our vision with this house is to create a unified Christian fellowship which shares everyday life and works together to express the kingdom of God, so come prepared to share your life with others as in a large family. But you don't have to be a Christian to live her: for those who are not Christian believers, we have a course/discussion on Christianity one evening per week. This course is called Alpha, and is used around the world by many churches to let people know more about the Christian faith in a relaxed and open way. A couple of times a semester we'll visit a church service to take in different Christian cultures. Those of us who are Christian believers gather another evening every week for discipleship training: bible studies, prayer and worship. On Sundays everyone visits the church of their preferences. Apart from this we will have a house dinner available at least 3 evenings a week so you must be prepared to cook once every two weeks. On the other hand you can come to a home-cooked meal the other evenings: both nice and economical. Dinner is between 18:00 and 19:00 so people can finish work and still have a chance to do some evening activity. We would also like to do fun things together: play games, home-lectures (we teach each other about something we're good at), music-café etc. We are aware that it might sound ambitious and that people won't be able to join in on everything. However, if you wish to live here you must be prepared to be more present than absent in the common activities, to invest in the fellowship.