

## References, from former lodgers in Dalby fellowship

*"Not completely sure what to expect when I moved into the big red brick house in Dalby, a small village only a 10 minute bus ride from Lund, I can in hind sight say that it has been a marvelous experience. The Kirkhorns family is not just renting out rooms to students who are looking to find housing, but they invite us as being part of their Christian way of living as a family. That is unique in my book. They help us understand what is important in life and share with us how they live their lives. Through weekly Christian study groups all attendants are able to develop their belief more deeply.*

*There are other activities as well. Sometimes we spend time playing games, watching a movie or someone might bake a cake, which is always appreciated. The idea is for us to take time out from our studies to spend time together. Of course, sometimes studies take precedence and not everyone will be able to participate on every occasion. The housemates enjoy 'fika', one of the first words any foreigner in the house will have to learn, which is having a chat over a coffee/tea together with a biscuit or a cinnamon roll. There is also dinnertime to look forward to when one of us has cooked dinner for the 'big family' and that is always a jolly occasion.*

*I have enjoyed all my housemates who are funny, smart and responsible students in their 20s and they become friends you can count on if you need help or advice. Of course I will miss them, just like the Kirkhorns."* (Emma 34, Sweden, fall 2008)

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*"Living in the Dalby community house has been the best life changing experience. It was a wonderful enviroment where I met some of my life long best friends. It is a loving, safe, friendly environment open to all. To live in the Dalby community house has not only been a fun adventure but one where I was able to live and experience the wonders of a life with Christ. The Dalby house holds many of the best memories of my life."* (Nicole 20, USA, fall 2009)

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*"Before I moved into the house in Dalby, I was a bit worried about the rules about joining the prayers, meals, cell groups etc. Turned out, that that was what I appreciated most, cause it helped to build up our community. It was very interesting, challenging, amazing to live in the house for a semester. This was the time, where I allowed God to touch my heart, where I found new friends and learned new ways how to pray, how to talk about my faith and get some background-knowledge about the bible and what we believe."* (Rebecca 24, Austria, spring 2009)

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(Annie 22, China, fall 2008 - fall 2009)

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*"Hi, my name is Michael. I have lived with the Kirkhorn family in the Christian fellowship for about 3 years. I came to Lund to study development studies at the University of Lund. In Dalby I have found a wonderful place to stay.*

*Let me tell you a little bit about the life in the fellowship. As there are eight rooms for lodgers and the family is living in the house too, there always is a lively atmosphere. I often found myself wondering how fast time flies by as I was having a great time with all the friends that I have found in the house. Normally there was one from the fellowship that was preparing dinner for all of us. We all sat together at one large table and were discussing what we had experienced during the day. Sometimes, afterwards there was some kind of presentation about the Christian believe. Here we had space to openly discuss Christianity and also philosophy in general. As everyone in the fellowship had different backgrounds, many coming from very different countries, such as Germany, Norway, USA, Turkey or Chile, there were different ideas and understandings. You can imagine that we soon grew very closely together to a heterogenous group of people. It was great fun to experience the closeness of the others and still have a room for my own. Many times we were doing bicycle tours or visits to pubs together.*

*In summary, the Christian fellowship in Dalby is a place where all kinds of people can find community and friendship. Due to the Christian and very open nature of the fellowship you are free to explore yourself and the others around you. Plus, if you like nature, Dalby is a very fine place to stay :) "* (Michael Wunsch, Germany, Feb 2008 – Jan 2011)

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