

Swedish L'Abri

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2005

Dear L'Abri Friends

Many of you have over the years been connected to L'Abri in Sweden in various ways. With this newsletter we want to give you fresh information on the work and share with you our present needs and areas of thankfulness. Let me start with a review of the recent and more long term developments in the work and in our lives.



Next year it will be 25 years since L'Abri started in Sweden in 1981. The work was moved to the present house in 1990 when L'Abri bought the property on Bidevindsvägen 4. Fifteen years later we are now at a point of having had to do some major renovation work on the house in order to maintain its value and adjust to new needs.

A leaking roof and balcony floor had to be repaired and a new floor had to be put in the boys room and in the entrance hallway. We also had the upstairs room in the west wing of the house improved and made into a new staff room, freeing up the downstairs guest room facing the garden to become a room for visiting families.

In addition the heating system had to be replaced over the last year and we are now facing the need of having to repair another balcony floor and finish up some tin work on the main roof. Please pray with us for more gifts to come in to cover these added expenses.

25 years with Swedish L'Abri...

The Lord has over the years brought houndreds of guests and students to our house. Many have found a shelter at Swedish L'Abri and had their deepest needs met for truth and meaning in life. His faithful leading has continued to be a source of great thankfulness over the years.

As some of you will know I lost my late wife Lisa four years ago who sadly died in cancer. I was given strength to go on with my three children Lovisa, Gabriel and Rebecka. The Lord has since then graciously brought Pernilla into my life. We are now married since May 28 and share the desire to welcome people to our home and to L'Abri.



The two of us were glad to meet some of you at the L'Abri Jubilee conference in St Louis back in March. At the yearly members meeting following the conference I reported on the work at Swedish L'Abri over the last year. An excerpt of this follows below.



Members of international L'Abri

Summer term

The summer term of 2004 turned out to be something of a fresh start with a new crew. The Lord provided excellent help in the household as Johanna Holmdahl from Gothenburg, Sara Svanberg and Anders and Rigmor Gunnarsson came to assist in serving meals etc. In the closing week Sara Andersson and Helena Davidsson from Lund joined the crew.

I did the main part of tutoring and leading meals and Pernilla was a great help with students, in discussions etc. We had 15-20 visitors for the weekends and several of the students were American and Australian.



Matt, Johanna, Amanda och Emilie

Excellent week-end conferences were held with Dawn Dahl from English L'Abri and the British artist Janice Harding who spoke on *Hope in A Cynical World* and *Lament in The Arts*. At another conference Stefan Lindholm, Sweden, addressed the topic of *Love and the Passion of Christ*. Again we were reminded of how wonderful an asset the L'Abri house and work here in Mölle is and how the Lord does continue to use the work here.



Philippa and Jane in the kitchen

Staff

Stefan and Lois Lindholm have been part of a team at Swedish L'Abri who have been a great help in the work over the last summers. Among those have also been Henrik Gustavsson and Daniel and Evelina Svensson.

After close to a year of training at English L'Abri and a time as helpers at L'Abri in Switzerland, Stefan and Lois have now been accepted as workers at English L'Abri in Greatham. As they have a desire to maybe work with Swedish L'Abri at a later point, we do pray for the Lord's leading in their lives and for a fruitful time as they now will serve at Greatham.

Swedish L'Abri 25 years 2006...

During the summer of 2006 we plan to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Swedish L'Abri with a Jubilee Summer Forum June 30 – July 23. A special program will be issued including also international speakers. Do keep in contact with us for more information to come.

Conference October 14-16.....

Alreday October 14-16 of this year there will be a fall conference at Swedish L'Abri with Udo and Debby Middelmann from Switzerland as speakers. Please visit our website for information on the program, registration and other details.

Per Staffan Johansson

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People of all ages come to Swedish L'Abri from many parts of the world. Some are Christians wanting to know more, while others are searching. Then there are those who are trying to sort things out - whether personally, intellectually, morally or emotionally. Each student is tutored individually and given a study plan to follow.

Much time is given to discussions and to dealing with questions around the meal table. Students spend half of each day studying, using the close to 1 000 cassette tapes and selection of books (in both English and Swedish) from the L'Abri library. The L'Abri video series are shown to fill in the historical and cultural context for today's issues and questions. The other half of the day is devoted to practical work, giving occasion to reflect on the studies and to putting theory into practice by serving each other. One day each week is designated as a "day off."

Swedish L'Abri is based in the old seaside resort of Mölle, next to the beautiful Kullaberg nature reserve in the south of Sweden. Kullaberg is known for its rocky cliffs, scenic golf course and extensive hiking and biking trails. Mölle is located 30 kilometers north of the port city of Helsingborg, across from Denmark visible on the horizon and one 1½ hour by car from the city of Copenhagen.

Please visit our website for more information on the work, on registration and transportation.



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