



Here are some stories from students who are part of the Treehouse, TSCF's current intentional student community house in Dunedin. Here's what life together has been like for them:

The intentionality of community here has led to significant interpersonal growth, and for this I am very grateful. By making prayer and meal times together priorities, the Treehouse has been like a family. It has also been a privilege to be able to explore concepts which are invaluable for life now and in the future.

– **Timothy Marshall**

Living in a Christian community for the past year and half has been an amazing experience for me. It's a place where the love and grace of God are shown towards one another. It's a place where I've grown in my walk with God through the spiritual practices that are done together in community and that we are encouraged to do on our own. It's a safe place where I can ask questions and voice my doubts which has ultimately strengthened my faith. As a flat we explore what it looks like to live out our faith as a student and how we can allow God to work through us in our day-to-day activities. I've also made the best of friends living in the Treehouse – I've never laughed so hard, eaten so much or cooked such large proportions of food as I have in the last year and half! We do life together and, with Christ at the centre, it is good.

– **Wei-Yan Fan**

As an international student, I've learnt lots more about the Kiwi culture - things like how they do dishes, dry wordy humour, Kiwi pronunciations and choice of words, and how much Christian kids enjoy VeggieTales! The environment has helped me keep in step with my faith and community in practical ways: having dinner together while taking turns to cook, prayer/meet ups regularly, and also inviting others to join us for dinner. It's quite a commitment but honestly it has helped me get my haphazard life slightly more organised and rhythmic. My advice is to make use of your flatmates- they can be your friends for life, your 'partners in crime', ones who will keep you accountable and push you to the next level!

- **Desmond Cheong**

The Treehouse has been a wonderful experience this year. It's my first year at uni and I had to get used to all that as well as the flatting experience, but I've been part of a really great group of people, who are all supportive and encouraging, not only in uni life but also in my walk with Jesus. I've felt supported, comforted when I needed it and also challenged to develop my faith and deepen my relationship with Jesus. I've made some really good friends, and as the year's gone on my flatmates have come to feel more and more like a family. Community life has its challenges and its ups and downs, but overall, it's been a wonderful way to begin uni life and my walk with Jesus.

- **Megan Kyte**