

# TARTU ACADEMY OF THEOLOGY & HOME OF HOPE



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A Bible School student was baptized by Pastor Eenok Haamer (founder of TAT), after graduation on June 5th in the chapel of Home of Hope.

*I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*  
**Luke 15:7**

## Call to Prayer

We will have a challenging 1.5 years ahead of us. November 15th, 2024 is the due date for the Home of Hope mortgage. We are currently needing about \$1 million and feel we need to ask God for wisdom as to what we need to do to finish funding the Home of Hope outreach center.

We have so far experienced that God has a plan and we just need to open our eyes and hearts in order to understand where the Holy Spirit is leading us. Sometimes this road demands much courage and trust in God. **We know no better source of encouragement than prayer. On**

**June 3rd we had a 24-hour prayer chain** with our students, alumni, professors, and staff. We continue to pray and we are asking our friends all over the world to join us in prayer.

### Prayer topics:

1. Thank God for every day and for all the endeavors we have been able to accomplish by his grace.
2. Thank God for the new opportunities that have opened up in the past years and pray for guidance that these good initiatives continue.

3. Pray for students, alumni, professors, and all staff that we may experience God's presence and grace together.

4. Pray for Ukraine and for this war to end soon.

5. Pray to God for wisdom as to what we need to do to finish the journey of funding the Home of Hope outreach center mortgage.

### Please join with us in prayer!

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## I Found a Real God!

Hell Mets (*hell* means *tender* in Estonian) is a 2022/2023 Home of Hope Bible School student who had been searching for God from different self-help books and spiritualities. In 2022 it all changed when she decided to start examining the Bible. She came to our Bible School and was hoping to find answers to her questions. **After listening to our lecturers and talking to other students, she now can say with joy in**

**her heart, that she has found the real and right God!**

A wonderful milestone of her journey happened on June 5, when **Pastor Eenok Haamer, Founder of TAT, baptized her during Bible School graduation.** Now she is continuing her journey through the confirmation class of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Tartu.

You can watch her testimony on our

YouTube channel,  
[youtube.com/@simonvsgoliath](https://www.youtube.com/@simonvsgoliath).

One of the goals of Home of Hope is to gather people through different events and send them to the local churches. This is very special when we see these dreams become true and what a privilege it is to get to be part of all of these people's lives and walk along with them, while they search for our God!

## Our Current Financial Situation

### HOME of HOPE Mortgage Progress

Mortgage Total \$2,222,889

**\$1,191,575**

**\$1,031,315**

**RAISED**

06/13/2023

**TO GO**

11/15/2024

### TAT/Home of Hope Annual Operating Budget 2023

Budget Total \$322,825

**\$122,719**

**\$200,106**

**RAISED** 06/13/2023

**TO GO**

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Christian Outreach in Estonia for **GENERATIONS TO COME**

## Cooperation with U.S. Government

Christian Radio located at Home of Hope has already been proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ over the airwaves **24/7 for 28 years**. They have 6 studios in Estonia and the studio located at Home of Hope is the main one. Also, the server which sends radio to the air is set up in Home of Hope's server room. Having a radio station in our facility provides a very good opportunity for our students to make radio broadcasts and it's a very easy way for us to advertise our activities and events.

Radio recently entered into very interesting cooperation with the U.S. Government. Family Radio has a Russian broadcast that is sent out through a shortwave transmitter and is reaching deep into Russian territory and also Ukraine. **Since spring, the**

**U.S. Government is funding the Radio Liberty broadcast an hour per day through the Family Radio shortwave transmitter.**

Shortwave cannot be blocked by the Russian authorities, and therefore with the help of the Family Radio, Radio Liberty reaches Russia and Ukraine.



## 1-Minute-Bible-Study

**We started making a 1-Minute-Bible-Study series** in co-operation with Kristjan Luhamets, lead pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Tartu.

The aim of these videos is to establish some kind of connection with youth on social media platforms and to give them Christian content while they browse.

After covid, when things started to go back to normal, we discovered that not all of the youth had come back. We saw that there was a need for youth work on social media in Estonia and since we position ourselves as partners to churches, it was our duty to find a solution with an innovative position. **We are glad that this format has received a lot of good feedback** and are looking forward to continuing this project, but also accepting new opportunities where God leads us!

You can watch an example of 1-Minute-Bible-Study on our YouTube channel, [youtube.com/@simonvsgoliath](https://youtube.com/@simonvsgoliath).

## Daycare for Ukraine Refugees

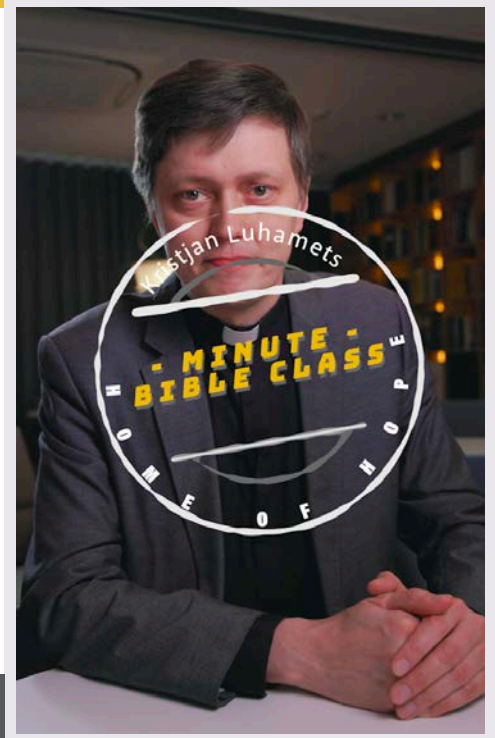
**Last fall St. Maria's Lutheran Church in Tartu launched a daycare for Ukraine refugees.** Most refugees are escaping women with small children. It's a great challenge for them to find a job if they

don't have a safe place for their children. Daycare gives parents some free time and provides an opportunity for children to meet with other Ukraine children.



Laryssa (in the picture), a refugee from Ukraine who is living in Home of Hope's guest apartment, used to be a kindergarten principal and now she is the principal of the daycare.

**We have supported this daycare with funds that we have received from our friends from America as donations to support Ukrainians.** Unfortunately these funds are depleted and we won't be able to help them anymore.



## GIVING

### CHECKS

**Charity Lutheran Church**  
120 Aspen Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58503, U.S.A.

### ONLINE

Go to [charitylutheran.org/givenow](https://charitylutheran.org/givenow)

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  - > **Tartu General** to support annual operating budget;
  - > **Home of Hope** to donate mortgage payments.

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