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Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing.
Joshua 3:15-16

STEP INTO THE WATER!

Have you ever stepped into a fast-flowing and abundant river with the plan of walking along the riverbed to the other bank? The reasonable answer to this question would be of course not, because a wise person who cares about his life would not do that. Indeed, it is a right and wise decision. The possibility of realizing such plans belongs only to the realm of miracles.

I have to confess that trusting in God we have stepped into a fast-flowing and abundant river and we give testimony that God makes miracles even today.

I believe you know the story of Joshua (Joshua ch. 3-4) when he was with all the Israelites in front of the flooding Jordan. The Lord said to Joshua that if the feet of the priests who carry the ark of the covenant step into the Jordan the flood will stop and you can walk through the riverbed to the other bank. Joshua trusted the Lord and followed his word. Therefore a miracle happened.

The story of Joshua was a great encouragement to us in the spring of 2018 while we presented a vision of a Christian outreach center, Home of Hope. By God's miracle, we were able to raise a downpayment of $125,000 in six weeks. Then we couldn't be untrustful to the Lord and we decided to step into the water. The signature was given to the contract in which there was an amount of seven figures. We didn't have all this money but we realized that God was walking with us.

We are now in the middle of the riverbed and the flood still isn't crashing over us. **I'm asking you, please join with us in the riverbed. The Estonian people are looking at us and for them it's hard to believe that this walk can be succesful.**

We confess God did not have us choose an easy way, but God has blessed all our activities in Home of Hope. During only four years we have gained much more then we were able to vison and dream. We are happy that we have devoted coworkers who share our trust in the Lord and are not running away but are standing with us in this riverbed.

Time is short. We have to pay off the mortgage by November 15th of this year.

PLEASE, MAKE THE LEAP OF FAITH AND JOIN WITH US IN THE RIVERBED! Let's walk together to the other shore so that we can reach the Promised Land.

Now there isn't much time left and that's why I'm calling you to join with us. Please help us as much as you can. **During the last two years I have personally visited around 60 churches in the U.S.** I have met thousands of people and I have shared our story with them. There are many people who have already decided to give their testimony of trusting God and have stepped into that riverbed standing next to me and I am very grateful for that.

I know that only through prayer and joint effort we are able to accomplish this path.

PLEASE, JOIN THE CROUD!

Pastor Siimon Haamer
President of Tartu Academy of Theology

Our Current Financial Situation

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HOME of HOPE Mortgage Payoff

Mortgage Total $2,222,889

$1,284,231 RAISED 05/17/2024

$938,659 TO GO 11/15/2024

$20,410 of MATCHING FUNDS are available

TAT & Home of Hope Annual Operating Budget 2024

Budget Total $355,629

$100,168 RAISED YTD 05/17/2024

$255,461 TO GO

Christian Outreach in Estonia for *GENERATIONS TO COME*

MORNING FELLOWSHIP OF MEN

New opportunities just come to us. Evar Post, Office Administrator of TAT in the middle of the 90s, visited Home of Hope one day in January of this year and during a random talk shared his belief that men should come together and pray for their families and our country and seek strong relationships with God. As a result, Siimon Haamer proposed to him to begin organizing morning fellowhship for men at Home of Hope.

In March we started. On the morning of the second Tuesday of every month, Home of Hope is filled with men. Men gather to encourage each other, read the Bible, pray, sing and eat breakfast together. **Already about 20 men are participating.** This is an extremely good start and we pray for God's blessing on this endeavor.

The motto of the men's gathering is "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." Isaiah 30:15. We learn together how to humble ourselves before God, so that in our selfishness and fast life we don't ignore God's guidance.



OPEN BIBLE SCHOOL NIGHT

We have been conducting Bible School for four years now and have had a total of 250 students. In the beginning we decided we'd launch the Bible School if we had at least 15 students. We started our work with 110 participants!

Just recently we had another great experience. On April 8th we had an open Bible School night. Anyone who had not joined our Bible School had the opportunity to come and listen to the lecture of the Archbishop of the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church on the Gospel of John and the 23rd chapter of the Gospel of Luke.

We were surprised. **More than 100 people attended this lecture.** It's extraordinary how great the opportunities are that God gives us to sow the seed of God's word. We do not influence only the people who live in the city of Tartu, where we are located, but we influence Estonia overall and even more. As we offer also online participation we have students all over Estonia and also in Latvia, Finland and Sweden.



The Archbishop shared with us his testimony about Home of Hope's outreach (watch video on our YouTube channel youtube.com/@simonvsgoliath). He really values this work and hopes that the Gospel will be spread from Home of Hope to all of Estonia.

GIVING

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– Choose fund ***Tartu Academy of Theology*** and sub fund

> Tartu General to support annual operating budget;

> Home of Hope to donate mortgage payments.

Why I Support Estonia Mission

Pastor Tom Corblell

Charlotte, North Carolina

The foundation of the Haamer family, the Tartu Academy of Theology and especially Home of Hope is solidly based on faith in Jesus Christ. On this faith, a building to house this ministry was obtained. I personally believe in this evangelistic ministry and the need for solid and committed Christian teaching to help revive lost faith in Estonia.

I have traveled with Siimon and listened to his presentation of the great need for the Estonia people to be reintroduced to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I see the paying off of this debt as a motivation for Lutheran Christians to raise up new disciples for Jesus. That is the primary motivation that empowers me to help raise ministry-funds for this dynamic ministry.

Between now and November 15, 2024, faith, hope and action are critically important. We must raise $938,000 to completely pay off the 2-million-dollar debt.

If you look at the single figure of the present debt you may think: "What can I do? I am just one person." Remember Jesus talked about the tiny mustard seed (Matthew 17:20). The Lord can take any gift and make it grow in ways we can't imagine! Allow the Lord to bless you through expanding the message of the Gospel in Estonia!

I am asking every person who reads these words and every church that has supported this ministry to step up with a gift to help achieve this daunting, but achievable goal. I have made a commitment to support this ministry and have already sent a donation.

Please pray about how you can personally help. **I encourage you to reach out to people, groups and churches you may know that you can personally ask to help.**

