



## Short Term Mission Trip:

### **Adult Bible Camp in Tartu, Estonia** [tatest.org/visit](https://tatest.org/visit)

- DATES:** August 6-18, 2025
- TOPIC:** God's Grace
- ORGANIZER:** Tartu Academy of Theology [tatest.org](https://tatest.org)
- LOCATION:** Christian outreach center Home of Hope in Tartu, Estonia [tatest.org](https://tatest.org)
- U.S. TEAM SIZE:** 7 short term missionaries (max. 2 team members from one congregation)
- REGISTRATION:** Deadline December 1, 2024. Online registration form: [forms.gle/DsZ5VzedVQju357u9](https://forms.gle/DsZ5VzedVQju357u9)
- *Please note that the group is filled on a first come first served basis. The earlier we receive your completed application and required documentation, the more likely you will receive a spot on the mission trip.*
  - *Your spot is not reserved until ALL items listed below have been turned in:*
    - *Completed Short Term Mission Trip registration form*
    - *\$250 non-refundable registration deposit*
    - *A letter of recommendation from your pastor (needs to be sent by pastor to Siimon Haamer's email: [siimon.haamer@teoloogia.ee](mailto:siimon.haamer@teoloogia.ee))*
- COORDINATOR:** Pastor Siimon Haamer, President of TAT  
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#### **ABOUT THE BIBLE CAMP**

Tartu Academy of Theology is arranging an Adult Bible Camp in Tartu, Estonia. Coordinators and local organizers are Estonians. American Christians are called to join with the team as teachers. Also as leaders of discussion groups. There will be couple of pastors from U.S. in the team and they will take care of the main teaching work. Topic is Jesus and during the week we will cover the following sub-topics related to Jesus: teaching, deeds, crucifixion and resurrection.

Camp will be held 4-5 hours every day in the afternoon. Around 30 participants are expected. Main focus is on small group discussions but every day in the beginning and end whole group will be together (singing, sharing, praying). We are expecting U.S. friends to share their testimonies.

Watch here [youtu.be/H77K6srdFoc](https://youtu.be/H77K6srdFoc) a short video about the Bible Camp that was organized together with short term missionaries from U.S in August of 2024.

The structure of the agenda is as follows every day:

- 3:00 pm Introduction
- 3:45 pm 1st session in small groups
- 4:45 pm Break
- 5:15 pm Testimony
- 5:40 pm 2nd session in small groups
- 6:30 pm Summary of the day
- 7:00 pm End of the day

**BIBLE CAMP TRIP SCHEDULE**

August 6, Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Departure from USA</li> </ul>
August 7, Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrival to Tallinn airport</li> <li>• Bus to Tartu (2,5 hour drive) from the airport</li> <li>• Accommodation in Hektor hostel until Aug. 16 <a href="http://hektorstay.com/en">hektorstay.com/en</a></li> </ul>
August 8, Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free day without any program in order to adjust jet lag</li> </ul>
August 9, Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A trip to South Estonia to see places where Pastor Eenok Haamer was hiding during 6 years after WWII. Eenok himself will come along.</li> </ul>
August 10, Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most of the team goes to Mustvee church where Pastor Eenok Haamer is serving and also is an opportunity to visit different churches in and around Tartu.</li> </ul>
August 11, Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Camp preparations</li> <li>• 3:00-7:00 pm—Adult Bible Camp</li> </ul>
August 12, Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estonian National Museum <a href="http://erm.ee">erm.ee</a></li> <li>• Preparations for the camp</li> <li>• 3:00-7:00 pm—Adult Bible Camp</li> </ul>
August 13, Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The KGB Cell Museum <a href="http://muuseum.tartu.ee/en/kgb-cells-museum">muuseum.tartu.ee/en/kgb-cells-museum</a></li> <li>• Preparations for the camp</li> <li>• 3:00-7:00 pm—Adult Bible Camp</li> </ul>
August 14, Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free time for sightseeing and meetings with camp participants</li> <li>• Preparations for the camp</li> <li>• 3:00-7:00 pm—Adult Bible Camp</li> </ul>
August 15, Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free time for sightseeing and meetings with camp participants</li> <li>• Preparations for the camp</li> <li>• 2:00-6:00 pm—Adult Bible Camp</li> <li>• 6:00-9:00 pm Bible Camp afterparty with participants</li> </ul>
August 16, Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 am—Bus to Tallinn</li> <li>• Free time and sightseeing in Tallinn <a href="http://visittallinn.ee/eng/visitor">visittallinn.ee/eng/visitor</a></li> <li>• Accommodation in Metropol hotel until Aug. 18 <a href="http://metropol.ee/hotel">metropol.ee/hotel</a></li> </ul>
August 17, Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attending church service in Tallinn</li> </ul>
August 18, Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return flight home from Tallinn airport</li> <li>• Arriving to USA on the same day</li> </ul>

## **PREPARATORY WORK**

- Pastor Bob Nordvall from Bismarck, ND is the leader of the U.S. team. Bob is coordinating preparatory work during spring and summer. Regular Zoom meetings will be arranged in order to get acquainted with each other and to go through the teaching program and share tasks.
- **For background information and preparation, we recommend reading Pastor Harri Haamer's book "We Shall Live in Heaven"**, which is his testimony of faith, recounting his experiences in a Soviet slave labor camp. Paperback of the book is available in Amazon [amazon.com/dp/994999313X](https://www.amazon.com/dp/994999313X). You can download for free the PDF and Kindle version as well as the Book Study Guide from [tatest.org/haamer-family/book](https://tatest.org/haamer-family/book).
  - Reading this book you learn how to keep your faith alive and what it means that hopelessness has no place in our program. The foreword, introduction and epilogue provide an overview of what happened to Harri Haamer's family during his imprisonment and what suffering Estonians had to experience due to the Soviet occupation.
  - We recommend that you also consider organizing book study groups in your church, so that the congregation can acquire a broader picture of the importance of this mission trip.

## **ARRANGEMENTS**

- **It is responsibility of every mission trip participant to purchase own flight tickets departing from the USA on August 6 and returning from Tallinn on August 18.**
- The Estonian organizers will take care of accommodation, catering and transportation in Estonia.

## **COST**

- The cost of the whole trip with **double room** accommodation: **\$1,600 per person plus airfare.**
- The cost of the whole trip with **single room** accommodation: **\$1,950 per person plus airfare.**
- The cost includes
  - a \$250 non-refundable registration deposit which needs to be paid in order to confirm your registration;
  - accommodation, meals and transportation in Estonia.

## **Important Notes**

- The trip fee can be paid
  - either in cash upon arrival in Estonia or
  - sent to the Charity Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND in advance.
- Payments can be made to Charity Lutheran by check or processed online:
  - Checks
    - Designation: Estonia Bible Camp
    - Mail to: Charity Lutheran Church
    - 120 Aspen Ave.
    - Bismarck, ND 58503
  - Online
    - ➔ go to [charitylutheran.org/givenow](https://charitylutheran.org/givenow)
    - ➔ choose the Fund *Tartu Academy of Theology*
    - ➔ select a Sub-Fund *Bible school*
    - ➔ Write to the Note field the name of the person whose participation fee is being paid