

PROMISES

Help Complete Home of Hope in Estonia

*"This is how you will know that the living God is among you... As soon as the priests who carry the ark of the LORD... **set foot in the Jordan**, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off."*

Joshua 3:10,13

*"Choose twelve men... and tell them to take up **twelve stones** from the middle of the Jordan... so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful."*

Joshua 4:2-3,24

In 2018, encouraged by God's Word in Joshua 3-4, we trusted the Lord and **stepped into the water**. This step of faith meant moving forward with:

- No financial guarantees—only trust in the Lord's provision
- A weighty responsibility
- A strong vision for Gospel outreach

By the end of 2019, Christian outreach center Home of Hope opened its doors. God has blessed this step of faith, and today we can share good news:

Progress
86% Paid

Remaining
\$360,000

Mortgage Due
January 31, 2027

Inspired by Joshua 4, we will set up a memorial of **twelve stones** at Home of Hope—bearing witness to God's faithfulness and His **Promises** for generations to come.

FOR EVERY \$30,000 PAID OFF – ONE STONE

will be placed on the memorial – **until twelve stones stand.**

For every **gift of \$2,000 or more**, one of our volunteers will, in the donor's name, place at the base of the memorial

a commemorative stone - symbolizing all who have walked this path with us.

Let's walk together to the other shore of the river, bearing witness to God's faithfulness.

Read the full story at [TATEST.ORG/PROMISES](https://tatest.org/promises)

IGNITE FAITH IN ESTONIA!

In one of the most secular countries
in the world!

HOME OF HOPE MORTGAGE PAYOFF

Total \$ 2,312,889

\$1,954,143 – RAISED

PROMISES

Total \$360,000

\$1,254
RAISED
02/28/2026

\$358,746
TO GO
01/31/2027

TAT ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET 2026

Budget Total \$455,470

\$81,371

\$374,099

RAISED
YTD 02/28/2026

TO GO

GIVING (Tax deductible)

ONLINE

Go to
charitylutheran.org/givenow

- Choose fund:
 - » *Tartu Academy of Theology*
- and sub fund:
 - » *Tartu General* or
 - » *Home of Hope*

CHECKS

Charity Lutheran Church

120 Aspen Ave.

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MEMO line:

- TAT or
- HOME OF HOPE

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TARTU ACADEMY OF THEOLOGY & Home of Hope



Hopeful
Testimony
in **ESTONIA**



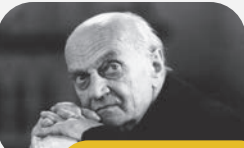
A LEGACY OF FAITH

The Haamer Family Story

Background

Estonia was occupied for 50 years after WW2 by the aggressive, atheistic Soviet Union. This regime tried to break our deep Christian roots. Unfortunately, they were quite successful. During the first 10 years of Soviet occupation, 2/3s of Lutheran pastors were killed, imprisoned, or forced to flee. **Before WW2, 98% of Estonians were Christians; today only 10-12% are affiliated with different Christian churches.** These broken connections must be restored.

We share with you a story of hope and trust—a testament to spiritual resistance, unwavering faith in God, and the sacrifices of one family over a century. It is also the story of the suffering endured by the Estonian people.



Pastor Harri Haamer

Four Generations of Continuity

1st generation: HARRI HAAMER (1906-1987), a Lutheran pastor, was arrested in the late 1940s and imprisoned for eight years in a Siberian slave labor camp because of his faith.

2nd generation: EENOK HAAMER (1935-2025), served as a Lutheran pastor for 61 years until his passing on February 27, 2025. After WWII, he was forced to hide in the forest for six years, living in an underground bunker because he was the son of a pastor. Later, **he founded Tartu Academy of Theology**, ensuring that Christian education continued in Estonia.

3rd generation: NAATAN, MARKUS & SIIMON HAAMER, Eenok's sons, are all Lutheran pastors. Despite the Soviet regime's hostility toward Christianity, they chose to follow in their father's and grandfather's footsteps. **Siimon now leads Tartu Academy of Theology and Home of Hope**, carrying forward the family's vision and legacy.

4th generation: MATTIAS HAAMER, son of Markus, **joined Home of Hope's mission in 2020**, bringing fresh energy and new ideas. At 28 years old, he represents the next chapter of the Haamer family's commitment to Christ in Estonia.

More info on the Haamer family:
tatestest.org/videos



Pastor Eenok Haamer, his three sons Naatan, Markus & Siimon and grandson Mattias

TARTU ACADEMY OF THEOLOGY & HOME OF HOPE

Launch of Tartu Academy of Theology

After 50 years of Soviet occupation, Estonia regained independence in 1991. Recognizing the urgent need for Christian leadership in the newly free nation, **Pastor Eenok Haamer** founded the Tartu Academy of Theology (TAT) in 1992 with financial support from American Lutheran pastors. **For more than 30 years, TAT has trained hundreds of Christian leaders.** Today, Pastor Eenok's son, Pastor Siimon Haamer, continues this mission.

Yet theological education alone is not sufficient. In one of the most secular countries in the world, there is a pressing need to go beyond education and actively share the Gospel. Creating a space for practical ministry, outreach, and community engagement is vitally important. **Out of this vision, the Home of Hope was born.**



Establishing Home of Hope Christian Outreach Center

2018 was a defining year—either the ministry would shut down due to financial challenges, or a bold leap of faith would be taken. The rented space was too small and deteriorating, and there were no funds for expansion. Yet something greater remained—a calling from God to do more for Estonia. Trusting God, the step forward was made—just like Joshua at the Jordan (Joshua 3). Then, the impossible happened: in just six weeks, \$125,000 was raised to support the vision. With faith as the foundation, a down payment was made on a \$2.26 million dream, without knowing how the rest would come.

And God provided. In December 2019, Home of Hope opened its doors—a continuation of TAT's mission and the Haamer family's commitment to Estonia's faith. Today, God's blessings are visible beyond what was envisioned in 2018, and the ministry continues to grow.

Home of Hope is not just a building—it is a movement and a beacon of encouragement in one of the world's most secular countries.

There is still a need for \$358,746 to pay off the mortgage and fully secure Home of Hope.

Partnering with



BA & MA Degree Studies + Continuing Education

- ▶ 130 students in partnership with the Lutheran Church Seminary
- ▶ Training pastors, chaplains, pastoral caregivers, church musicians, etc.
- ▶ 300 hours of continuing educ. courses annually in addition to BA & MA studies

Pastoral Care Ministry

- ▶ Coordination center for Estonia's wide network of pastoral caregivers
- ▶ Partnerships with the Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs and local city government
- ▶ 24/7 Pastoral Care Helpline (2020-2022): 21,500 calls received
- ▶ Multiple support groups, for example groups for grief, trauma survivors and the elderly

Youth Ministry

- ▶ ~100 participants in various events
- ▶ A meeting place for Christian youth organizations and activities
- ▶ Producing social media content - One Minute Bible Study series
- ▶ Annual young adults conference 'The Juggler'
- ▶ We foster collaboration with other youth initiatives

Bible School

- ▶ 350 participants over six years
- ▶ On-site and online participation
- ▶ Multiple campuses join via live-stream
- ▶ On-demand Bible study streaming



Other Ministries

- ▶ Men's ministry
- ▶ Prayer services in the Chapel
- ▶ Aid for Ukrainian refugees
- ▶ Moravian Church prayer services
- ▶ Cast the Net Evangelical Initiative

Christian Radio

- ▶ 1.5-2M sq mi broadcast area
- ▶ 24/7 proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- ▶ Broadcast to Estonia and Russia

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH FOR
GENERATIONS TO COME