



THE TANIS FAMILY

to Malta and beyond

WINTER 2025



Our Family Keeps Learning

"They shall call his name Immanuel, which means, **God with us**." As Matthew starts his book, so we remember how he ends it: "And behold, **I am always with you**, to the end of the age." This Christmas, we reflected on the truth that God is with us, and can claim that promise every day of the year. In October, Layla started Kinder 2 (K4), and Theo is already in his 3rd school year in Malta, in Year 2. The amount and difficulty level of daily Maltese homework has increased significantly. God is to be praised for continually answering prayers for our children: to love school; have good, kind teachers; and enjoy studying Maltese. A quick family trip to France over New Years, gave us renewed energy and thankfulness for God's abundant blessings. We enjoyed God's creation and some great food, along with making memories as a family.

People Keep Learning

The fall months flew by with many different events at church. More than 50 people came to the Autumn church picnic. It is a joy to see the church family getting to know each other more. Our Christmas events were attended by unbelievers and many fruitful conversations followed. At the **Christmas Young Adult Bible study** we explained why Jesus came to earth and the conversation continued for hours after with one of the new young adults. We ask that you **pray for a number of men** Luke has gotten to meet with and **talk of God's plan for life and Salvation**, but have yet to place their trust in Christ alone. It brings such joy to hear people wanting to read the Bible and learn more about Jesus! The first Sunday of the year was memorable. A man who recently started coming understood his need for a Savior, and **placed his trust in Christ alone for salvation!** He now is experiencing "**God with us**". The Ladies Bible study continues to see new faces, behind which are unique life stories. We are thankful for women eager to learn the Word.



The Church Keeps Learning

We continue to encourage our church people to be involved in **ministering to one another**. Please pray for open doors as we seek to teach people to care for "**one another**" in the body of Christ. Please **pray for God to save people in Malta** and for the discipleship of new believers as we seek to "make disciples of all nations". This summer two interns will be joining the ministry in Malta through **BMM's First Look** program. **God is working here and we are excited to see what He will do this year!** As Paul prayed for the believers in Philippi, so we pray "that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the **glory and praise of God**."

For His Glory,
Luke, Anna, Theo, Layla & Arlo



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