



# THE TANIS FAMILY

*to Malta and beyond*

## SPRING 2022



LUKE, ANNA  
THEO & LAYLA

### Greetings from Windy and Sunny Malta!

Thank you so much for your prayers as we adjust to our new home. Adjusting can be like a roller coaster. Lows, like waiting for government paperwork and acclimating to the dust-filled wind and rain storms, are always overshadowed by the highs of answers to prayer, showing God's unfailing love. We are so thankful **our pallet arrived** in February (even if it took over 100 days). Anna's mom arrived for her first visit to Malta just in time to help us unpack. Theo and Layla loved every moment with **Gramma**, making memories and exploring our new world. Luke finished his Introductory Maltese Language course. We are seeing just how valuable **learning Maltese**. Pray for us as we desire to learn this unique language and use it to build relationships.



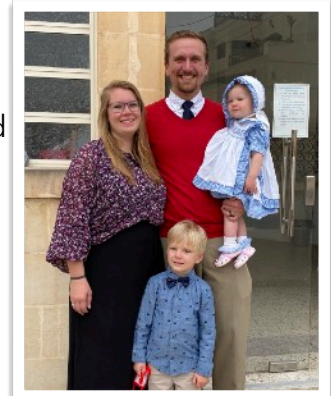
### Rejoicing in Provision!

We are rejoicing over **Luke's work permit** (finally) being approved which gave us the needed paperwork to purchase a car. God manifests his love and care for us in many ways, such as answering Theo's desire for a **blue car**, which is his favorite color. Continue to pray for a few more **essential documents** that need to be processed before we can officially say we have "moved" to Malta. We enjoyed watching the Olympics in February. They serve as a great example of countries from **around the world** gathered in one place, just like at our church! We are continually learning and expanding our knowledge of geography and culture from visitors and members alike. A recent **gift of an electric piano** has been a great blessing. Anna loves having a piano in the house, and because of its portability, got to play at church on Easter Sunday. The renovation project at church is almost complete and God's continual provision has been evident in many ways.



### Rejoicing in Freedom!

Bible Baptist Church enjoyed their first Easter in person since 2019. Easter in Malta provides a great picture of how few people here have experienced the life changing power of the Gospel. In May, Malta will end most Covid restrictions and we are excited to worship and fellowship mask free! We are so thankful for the **encouraging words** we've received, whether online or by "snail mail," which can take months to arrive here. Thank you to all who have taken the time and energy to communicate! Please pray for many weekly opportunities, both scheduled and spontaneous, to teach and preach, disciple others and study the Bible. We have religious freedom in Malta, but we ask, like Paul that you would "pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ." (Colossians 4:3)



For His Glory,  
**Luke, Anna, Theo and Layla**



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