



# THE TANIS FAMILY

*to Malta and beyond*

## SPRING 2026



LUKE, ANNA  
THEO, LAYLA, ARLO



### Exploring God's World and Word

The new year started with Luke taking a two-week trip to Israel. The trip went great and God's power was on display throughout the trip. God's protection and timing was evident, especially in light of recent events. His brother, Micah, was also able to come, and spent a few days in Malta at the end of his journey. Having family see where we live and serve God is always blessing. Micah also preached at Bible Baptist Church Malta. **Luke has already been able to implement his experience of visiting the Holy Land**, both in teaching and in his weekly Bible study of the book of John, which they recently completed. Since November, Luke has been meeting with several young adult men, who are in Malta to play professional basketball. Although their time in Malta is coming to an end soon, **like many that are apart of the ministry in Malta, we praise God that we get to be apart of their story in helping them grow in their relationship with God.** Along the way, Theo has cultivated a passion for basketball and joined our local team. Please pray for future Bible studies!

### Exploring God's Creation

Malta is beautiful in the spring, perfect for outdoor events with our church family. We had a hike with the teens, marking the last official event with our coworker's second oldest son, Kian. Pray for Kian as he transitions to life back in Canada. We've also seen great success with all-church football nights, which are aided by the sun continually setting later. Saturdays have alternated between a Mens and Ladies Bible study. The men's Bible study has been led by one of the deacons. **It's a great joy to see other men involved in teaching.** In March, we had our first "Theology Study Focus" on the doctrine of the Trinity. A two month self-led study concluded with an afternoon seminar led by Luke and Pastor Josh. **It was encouraging to see so many people come together to study this life changing truth.** We plan to do another one later this year. The weather has also played a backdrop to a beautiful Easter picnic and a Spring Hike with the University Bible Group. Please pray for these relationships to continue to develop for God's glory. Malta may be small but God's creation is on display all around us.



### Experiencing God's Grace

Praise God for another successful **Visa renewal (2 years)!** We never assume or take any visa renewal for granted, as we've known people who have gotten rejected. We continue to trust God to allow us to stay where He has called us for as long as He's called us. We are encouraged to see the growth of children's ministry, specifically in the 5 years old and under range. Recently in Church there were thirteen 2-5 year olds in class, four babies with their parents, and at least two more are on the way later this summer. Equally exciting is the growing support of teachers for these children. May God use us and his Church to reach families in Malta. We hosted our first event for the "5 and under" age group and their

families. Praise God for the 28 that attended and heard the Gospel clearly shared through the Good News of the Gospel. In April, three people were baptized and there is another baptism planned in a few weeks. The Church's Annual Meeting went well and we marveled at God's provision over the last year. We rejoiced to see fifteen names of Biblically qualified men nominated to be deacons! **Please pray God will continue to develop these men into leaders where God has placed them.** The work of the ministry continues to go on and we rejoice that God has called us here. We know God is faithful and will continue to bless His Word and His Church. Thank you for your prayer and support in the ministry here. God answers prayer!

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



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