



THE TANIS FAMILY

to Malta and beyond

SUMMER 2026



Furlough and Family

As America heads back to school shortly, the kids in Malta just celebrated the halfway point in their summer break. This means that after our three week trip back to the states in June, Theo and Layla still had a week of school left! God was gracious in allowing smooth travels, and we even got to take part in a newly added leg, JFK-Malta, on the return flight. Cutting out a layover in Europe was a huge advantage for all of our family's stamina. We were able to use those three weeks to visit all of our immediate family members, connect with several Gospel partners, attend a family wedding, and be the camp missionary at Camp Chetek, where Theo got to attend as a camper with 5 of his cousins! (We won't mention how many Chick-fil-A's we visited as well.) Praise God for safety, health, and encouragement in the Spirit with other believers. This gave us a boost going into the rest of the summer, as our coworkers had their furlough all of July and August.

Football and Fun

A few days before our return to Malta, our missions intern, Josiah, arrived. Knowing we can help invest in future laborers, is always worth the extra time and effort. He was a tremendous help running games during the week of VBS! Last year, we used a teen mission trip to be all the workers for VBS. This year, our church body stepped up! We had at least 20 adult and teen helpers each night! Josiah also had an impact on our kid; we even got a few date nights! (with the help of *his Maltese host, Jean Paul*) Pray for Josiah as he returns to college and will be graduating soon. Malta had yet another record breaking heatwave in July including the hottest temperature ever recorded in July! **Malta is normally quite hot in July, so you can image what a 'heatwave' could mean. Praise God no power cuts for our family this time, and the electricity stayed on at church, for the most part.** The heat didn't stop us from having another church football night. To escape the heat, we were able to host several World Cup watch parties in our home, using ordinary events to create Gospel relationships and conversations.



Friends and Farewells

In July, we said goodbye to one of our first deacons and his wife, as they moved back to their home country. Their impact on so many of our church people was felt heavily, **causing us to praise God even the more for allowing them to be in Malta for a few years.** We also had to say goodbye (for now) to the 'basketball guys' that went through the book of John weekly with Luke. We pray they will make an impact for Christ and His Gospel, wherever they land next. God continues to bring other souls our way. This past Sunday, 5 believers made their faith in Christ public through baptism, including a married couple and an engaged couple! This was the **4th baptism service since April!** What a joy to get to know

the unique stories behind each person, and how they came to know Christ personally. We've enjoyed talking with those **who watched the baptism** who had never seen or even heard of an adult being baptized. Anna has been doing a Bible study through John with the wife of one of the men that was baptized earlier this year. She did not grow up around Christianity, and everything from Judas to manna to Jesus' miracles is completely new for her. Luke has been preaching through Philippians this summer and Paul's Christ-Centered perspective on life has been very refreshing. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work and open eyes and hearts to God's saving love. We are looking forward to a missions weekend in October and weekend marriage conference in November with guest speakers flying in for both of these conferences. Continue to pray as we strategically plan to help our church members grow in their knowledge of and obedience to God's word.

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



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