

to Malta and beyond

WINTER 2022



THE TANIS FAMILY



LUKE, ANNA
THEO & LAYLA



Greetings from Malta! We are so excited to finally be in Malta! A huge thank you for all your prayers, support, and encouraging messages getting us to this point. Our lives have changed so much in the past few months. We hit the ground running after our training in September. We condensed most of our belongings into one pallet and shipped it in October (still praying it arrives soon!). Saying goodbye to family in SC, WI and MN was hard, but we rest in God's peace knowing His way is best. Our commissioning service on November 7 overwhelmed our hearts with thankfulness, remembering those who played a part in our story. We praise the Lord for relatively smooth flights to Malta. The kids were amazing and we didn't have any issues due to Covid. We arrived November 23 and got to celebrate Thanksgiving with our co-workers.



Transitioning to a New Life:

Our first big step towards settling was securing long-term housing. This was our first time 'house hunting' and God opened up a beautiful apartment in the village of Gharghur. With only about 2,025 people, it's one of the smallest towns in Malta, and very residential. We're praying for many neighboring opportunities! It's been exciting to help with ministry in Malta. Bible Baptist Church is in the midst of some renovation to expand and bring it up to EU code. (For details about this project and funds needed please reach out to us.) Luke has been able to teach a few Bible studies and preach. Theo and Layla are loving their new "Malta friends" (our co-worker's four kids). What a joy to have co-laborers in the gospel. We also enjoyed celebrating the birth of our Savior in our new home. As a Catholic nation, Malta goes all-out for the Christmas season. Please pray that the people of Malta will come to know Emmanuel personally.



One Step at a Time:

Moving to a new country means we get to fill out all sorts of forms and paperwork, but every step of the way is a great opportunity to trust God with the process and the outcome. Transitioning brings many new challenges and hurdles. As we encounter them we've been reminded of how being "needy" isn't bad as it opens us to others and allows relationships to be built (2 Cor. 12:9). This was helpful to remember through electricity and water outages and having our bank account frozen (thankfully all were resolved without too much hassle). We appreciate your prayers as we continue to get settled in to life and ministry in Malta. Pray for open doors to build relationships with the people in Malta and for God to be glorified.



For His Glory,
Luke, Anna, Theo and Layla



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