



THE TANIS FAMILY

to Malta and beyond

AUTUMN 2025



LUKE, ANNA
THEO, LAYLA, ARLO



Happy New Year!

Thank you to all those who sent Christmas cards and gifts this year. We are so grateful for your prayers, love and support. As we reflect on 2025, we rejoice at specific answers to prayer. God is working in amazing ways and the Gospel continues to spread in Malta! In the last few months, God has brought a **handful of new believers** into our lives. It's been exciting to see their joy and zeal for the Lord. It's always a blessing to have a line of people waiting to be baptized! Besides regular meetings and discipleship, since September, Luke has been meeting weekly to study the book of John with new believers, and some who are still curious and **searching for the Truth**. We continue to rejoice that our kids continue to do well in school, excelling in

Maltese and making friends. Anna's parents came for several weeks in September, ending with a group family holiday in Northern Ireland and Scotland (including a visit to Chick-fil-A!). The trip was extra special since Anna's dad was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. We're so grateful for his current good health allowing him to be able to visit us and make memories with our kids. A special blessing from the fall was Luke's best friend and his wife visiting us on their way back to America from southeast Asia. Because of their living and spreading the Light so far away, we had no idea when we'd see them next. God was so good in allowing us to encourage each other face to face! We hosted our first Men's Retreat in October and had a great turnout. A weekend of singing with men and hearing God's word taught is always a blessing.

Happy "Thanksgiving"!

In November, Bible Baptist Church had an Anniversary Sunday. It was a blessing to look back and see all the ways God has providentially worked to build a church here in Malta. Anna helped coordinate a choir, and we had over 20 church members participate! Some years, we hardly 'celebrate' American Thanksgiving. Our kids have always gone to school, and we always have our usual mid-week Bible study. However, this year, we ended up having 3 full Thanksgiving meals! Anna made the chicken (disguised as a turkey) for the University Bible group. Besides our regular attendees, several University of Malta students came to church simply to see if we celebrate Thanksgiving how they see in "the movies". What a great opportunity to talk about God's goodness to us, seen in salvation! Please be praying for the many university students that have interacted with the University Bible Group this semester. Another outreach opportunity was our Christmas Eve service. This was new for us, and yet we had over 130 people. Praise God for the opportunity to proclaim the Light of the World. We enjoyed having Luke's Parents with us for most of December. They got to make new memories with the kids and experience life in Malta in December which involves Christmas markets and programs and much more.



Looking Ahead:

As we see God grow our church body through more memberships every few months, especially young families, we pray that the depth of their faith would grow as well. Please pray, as we endeavour to equip them for the work of the ministry. There are endless discipleship opportunities and we pray the church family will each play their part in the discipleship multiplication process. Luke leaves on Sunday for his first trip to Israel! He will meet up with a tour group organized by Central Baptist Theological Seminary. We're so thankful for God providing for the trip and orchestrating it in His perfect timing. Luke gets to tour Israel with his brother Micah, and several parents of the teen mission team that ministered to us in Malta this past summer. Praise God for His power, steadfast love and faithfulness, whether our hearts are uplifted or heavy. He never changes! We would love to hear how God has been faithful to you in 2025!



For His Glory,
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