

to Malta and beyond

SUMMER 2021



THE TANIS FAMILY



LUKE, ANNA
THEO & LAYLA

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from **Colorado**, where we have been in **cross-cultural training** the last four weeks and have been learning so much. God has continually kept us safe through an eventful summer of travel. We left Minnesota May 7th and did not return home until July 22nd. We are thankful for both new and follow up visits with churches. Celebrating Layla's first birthday with family was an extra blessing! Among the busy, we have made time to rest and spend time with family and friends.



Training for Malta:

We have been looking forward to the cross-cultural training at **Missions Training International** in Colorado since we began deputation. The past four weeks have included phonetics drills, language acquisition, and how to cross cultures well. A few of our biggest lessons we have been learning are stress management, the importance of rest, maintaining spiritual vitality, and trusting God with the chaos during transitions. This experience has been vital to remember that all the techniques, effort and sacrifices we make are **for the sake of the Gospel (1 Cor. 9:23)**. The next few months and beyond are **going to be hard, but we know HE is worth it**. God is worthy of everything, and our lives are the least we can give (Rom. 12:1).

Looking Ahead:

Our commissioning service is **November 7** at our sending church and all are invited! We are planning to depart for Malta in **November!** Life in a Covid world means there are several circumstances that could impact our exact departure date. **What can you do?** Pray and let us know that you are praying! We have learned that encouragement through simple texts, emails, and notes have sustained us. **We need you.** Besides packing to move overseas, we have many goodbyes coming up; we need God's omnipotent strength, that is made perfect in our weakness (2 Cor. 12:9).



Prayer Requests:

- Raising \$12,000 for our "Outfit & Passage" (vehicle, shipping/customs, airfare)
- God's grace during packing & goodbyes
- Glorifying God during stressful times
- God's perfect timing for our arrival in Malta

For His Glory,
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