



THE TANIS FAMILY

to Malta and beyond

WINTER 2023



LUKE, ANNA
THEO & LAYLA

New Team Member!

Team Malta is growing again! We are due with a **baby boy in June 2023**. Theo is extremely excited to finally have a brother. This winter held a visit from Luke's parents in December and Anna's sister-in-law and niece in January. Theo had been praying consistently since moving for God to provide a way for him to see his favorite cousin. What a cherished time to point Theo to God's goodness and love for us when He gives us good gifts. Luke's parents being here for the Christmas season was fun for the kids and a tremendous blessing for us! They brought many Christmas gifts and tasty treats from America, helped us outfit our home for the new baby, and pitched in to help renovate Luke's office at church.



Time Flies

November marked **one year** of living in Malta. Looking back, **we're amazed at God's provision and protection**. The kids are remembering less and less of America, but Theo's current fascination with learning about tornados and hurricanes has him quite content to be living in Malta. One of the areas of ministry for our family has been helping host and organize different activities for teens and young adults. **It's a joy to see believers from nations all around the world brought together by the uniting work of Christ.**

Continue to pray for those who have been coming that do not know Christ as their Savior. We enjoyed following the World Cup as many of the teams are represented in our church family. It was extra special watching Argentina win as Luke's first missions trip was to Argentina. In December, a dear member of the church went home to heaven. The graveside service was a precious time to celebrate God's grace in his life, and also provided a unique Maltese cultural experience.

Answers to Prayer

We praise the Lord for God's provision for building project! Not only was the matching fund reached but we also saw God an answer enormous prayer concerning the final bill. With the added space, we've been able to have a monthly church fellowship that facilitates **essential "one another" opportunities**. Pray for God to continue to do his transforming work through the ministry of the Word. **One of our greatest highlights in Malta has been seeing God's Word transform people.** Continue to pray for the training of the next generation of leaders in Malta. We also appreciate your prayers for Anna and the safe arrival of "baby 3." We greatly appreciate your prayers and we look forward to seeing God do great things in Malta. We we're challenged recently at a conference for missionaries to "ask God for things only He can do."



For His Glory,
Luke, Anna, Theo and Layla