



The Burrills Serving in Malta December 2025

Hope is one of the Bible's dominant themes. Whether we turn to Isaiah 9:1-7 and consider the God-given Son as the basis of our hope for joy and peace, or to Hebrews 6:19-20, where we read of "this hope we have as an anchor for the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek", we see Christ at the centre of it all. It is good to pause at this time of year and to meditate on the necessity of Christ's incarnation as the only means of hope for the world.

.....And it is hard to believe that this time of year has crept up on us once again! I know that many of you have been experiencing early blasts of winter weather, but where we are, the temperatures are still quite mild. If it wasn't for Christmas lights and nativity scenes everywhere we go, we might forget we were so near December 25th! This week we will hold our annual Christmas banquet and will cram more people into our fellowship hall than any banquet before. The food will be diverse and the fellowship sweet. On Sunday the kids and teens will present a program highlighting our December theme of Jesus being the Light of the World. They have been working hard and we anticipate a blessed service with our senior missionary pastor, Joe Mifsud preaching from John 1.

These past months have continued to be full, and we are glad for the many servants of the church leading ministries that bless and expand the influence of the gospel. The church calendar is full and people are encountering the Word in many formats and settings. May the Word continue to run swiftly without hindrance and be glorified! Here are a few photos showing some aspects of the ministry in recent months.



Erica's ladies' Bible study has been well attended



BMM colleague, Joe Mifsud, speaking at our last men's breakfast



Four young men who were recently baptised. Another lady was baptised 2 weeks after and more are joining the church.



We were blessed to hold our first men's retreat together with a church from Italy.



We celebrated the church's 40th anniversary in November and assembled a choir for the occasion.



Every Sunday we make the most of our small church parking lot.



Our congregation on anniversary Sunday. Our congregation is this same size most weeks.

On the family front, the school year continues, and we have enjoyed Selah's music school Christmas concert and other community Christmas events in the last weeks. We look forward to relaxed times together with friends from the church during the Christmas holidays and can't wait for a visit from Rowan, who will travel from Canada to see us for a few weeks in January.



Erica, Selah, and Naya at a recent outing to a musical.



Kian is taking an online class from Faith Baptist Bible College and trying new recipes.

Prayer Points

- Growth and grace for our young believers
- Salvation of those attending church and various Bible studies
- Wisdom for pastoring a diverse church made up of many nationalities
- Continued leadership development and God's calling of a national pastor
- Wisdom and health for our family

Praise Points

- A faithful support team (you!)
- Evident fruitfulness in the ministry
- New people joining the church

We are continually grateful for your ongoing, faithful support of the Lord's work in Malta. Thank you for your generous gifts, messages, and regular requests for items to pray for. May Jesus Christ be further glorified as we close out one year and enter another! We wish you all a Merry Christmas!

In Christ,
Josh and Erica Burrill and family