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NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)

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Dear brethren in Christ,
my wife and I hope to find each on you enjoying every spiritual and material blessing. We want to express our sincere feeling of thankfulness for the opportunity given to preach the gospel also in Rome, Capital of human religion and false Bible teachings. We're daily surrounded by paganism, biblical ignorance and materialism. This background makes our preaching terribly hard. We need patience and courage to persevere in faith and zeal. Though, we will try our best in announcing God's will, hoping to find good people among so much indifference.

PERSONAL NEWS. Thanking God, we're doing fine. Our grandson Alessandro is a real joy for all the family. He's growing stature and emotions. Our daughter Valeria is very very close to deliver her baby (Alice will be the name). Any day could be the good one. Obviously she's tired and ready to "finish" the second adventure.

My wife Antonella is recovering well after her thyroid tumor surgery. Next month she will have three isolated days of radiotherapy and she's getting ready for it. For some time (about a month) she will not be able to be around kids, so away from her grandchildren. This is the saddest thing. We are confident in solving the whole matter very soon.

My parents are also doing well. My dad Sandro (90 years old) is in good health, still working at his work of translating commentaries. What he built up in so many years of diligent work became a real treasure for Italian brethren that want to grow in knowledge and dedication. His mind is still brilliant and efficient. My mother Elisabetta (88 years old next August) has more problems of mobility and else and so her situation is different. She needs everyday specific medical cares and therapies but things are proceeding as we expect. She has a daily nurse that assists her. Things could be worst, though. We're satisfied.

PREACHING EFFORTS IN ROME. The local work is going fine. We have several initiatives to carry on with good perspectives to see encouraging fruit. The church is living in peace and edification, and not too serious problem are present. This moment of compactness and fellowship one another give us the necessary energies to work together.

My personal and individual weekly Bible classes are continuing well with brethren and contacts. With **Gianluca** (Marco's older brother) and **Amedeo**, I'm having good and visible results. Together we are still studying the book of Hebrew, and also a training class focused to improve their speaking in public exposition. They are already showing good sign of good understanding.

During mid-week Bible class I completed the study of the John's gospel, and started a class on the major topic teaching of N.T. After the worship service on Sunday, I went back to teach lessons from O.T.

In the other midweek class on Tuesday morning I'm teaching out of the book of "Romans", so significant for us as Christians and roman citizenships.

Our general average attendance is about 38, with a good number of contacts and visitors.

The new local work at **Ciampino** is going well. Marco has new contacts and people that asked for information. Two new Bible classes came up with women living in the close area. The meeting place is in a very strategic position, in the heart of local downtown. The service begins at 5.30 PM, so the brethren from Rome can attend and encourage this young effort. For new works as this, we certainly need patience and positive attitude to see the first good fruits. Marco is working conscientiously, giving his best in carrying on the responsibilities of this work. We are happy for him.

VISITORS FROM U.S. CHURCHES. Recently the tour lead by Leon Maulding came to visit us (about 40). We had a night of singing and encouraging speeches. It's been an opportunity to see **David Thomley** and **David McClister**, who spoke for us. We thank all of them for their kindness and encouragement.

God may continue to help us to serve Him with right knowledge and faithfulness.

Thanks again for your trusting fellowship that allows us to do this work. The brethren in Rome send their best greetings.

Antonella, Valeria & Paolo send their loving wishes.

"They of Italy salute you".

Stefano Corazza