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NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)

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Dear brethren in The Lord,
my wife and I hope to find all of you doing fine in every spiritual and material blessing. We want to express our deepest feeling of gratefulness for your fellowship that allows us 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 is the reason why our preaching efforts are often hindered. We need to be patient keeping on preaching the Gospel with courage and trust to find good hearts.

PERSONAL NEWS. Thanking God, we're doing fine. May 8, our daughter Valeria finally delivered her baby. Alicia is born (7.7 lb). Everything is going fine. Today she brought the baby at home for the first time and we are all very excited about it. Our grandson Alessandro is looking up at the new situation and we are curious to see his emotions about the new coming. Valeria is also fine, happy to have finished the pregnant time.

My wife Antonella is still waiting to start the radiotherapy due to her thyroid tumor. May 23 she should start it. We hope to solve soon the whole situation.

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 just fine. We have several initiatives to carry on with good expectations. During the year (June or September) we are scheduling to have a public gospel meeting where to invite friends, relatives and contacts.

My personal and individual weekly Bible classes with brethren and new contacts are going on fine. With **Gianluca** (Marco's older brother) and **Amedeo**, I'm having good and evident fruits. Together we are still studying the book of Hebrew, and also a training class trying to improve their speaking in public exposition. Soon both of them will

deliver their first public sermon. They are showing good attitude and good will in getting better and more responsible.

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. We recently held a gospel meeting and the meeting place was full of people. We had visitors and brethren from other churches attending. Marco is very happy for the good results of it. The meeting place is in a very strategic position, in the heart of local downtown, so visible by all the residents. Marco is working conscientiously, giving his best in carrying on the responsibilities of this work. We need to be constant, patient and faithful in waiting to see the first good fruit.

OTHER PREACHING OPPORTUNITY. The Latina church, where brother Francesco Fosci is preaching, invited me to hold a gospel meeting by May 21. The topic will be: "*Faith and Reason*". For the occasion they rented the conference hall of a downtown hotel and we hope to meet as many as possible.

God may continue to help us to serve Him with 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