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NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)

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Dear brethren in Christ,

my wife and I hope to find each one of you doing fine in every spiritual and material blessing. We want to share with you our sincere feeling of thankfulness for your loving fellowship that makes possible our preaching of the gospel also in Rome, in the midst of religious paganism and spiritual indifference. We're trying our best in proclaiming the Truth, hoping to reach as many as we can to the Lord. We're keeping our faith notwithstanding the daily hindrances.

PERSONAL NEWS. Thanking God, we're all doing fine. Our granddaughter Alicia is growing fast and healthy along with the other grandson Alessandro. Both of them are a great blessing for all the parents. Our daughter Valeria is doing fine, very busy with the two small kids but happy. Our son Paolo is still working at Bologna but often comes down to visit all of us.

My wife Antonella is feeling much better after all the test and radio therapies due to her thyroid tumor. In November she will have to go under other test to control the entire situation.

My parents are also doing well. My dad Sandro (90 years old) is in good condition, with good mental energies to keep on with his translating work of commentaries and general writings. This huge amount of work done along many years will be tremendously important for future generations of Christians. We freely give these books to all the ones that want to grow in personal knowledge. My mother Elisabetta (88 years old) instead has much more difficulties. She can't walk anymore and often is in bed or in wheel chair. Everyday she is assisted by a nurse. We are blessed that Gina, a sister of the church, is taking care of this service.

PREACHING EFFORTS IN ROME. The local work is proceeding fine. We are setting up new initiatives and programs in order to make our preaching more effective and useful. We would like to hold next public gospel meeting by end of September or October.

My personal and individual weekly Bible classes with brethren and new contacts are temporarily suspended, due to the coming vacation time. Several are out and things should be soon rescheduled.

During mid-week Bible class, I started lessons going to the major topics of New Testament Faith.

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

The new work at **Ciampino** is also doing fine. The new converted, **Laura**, is growing well and is a big encouragement for all the brethren. Marco has other good contacts with whom the Bible studies proceed. We hope to see soon other conversions. Through this beginning work, Marco is growing a lot and we are all proud to help him with this coming work. He's still a good and productive role in the via Sannio work.

Actually Marco Di Martino and his wife Alessia are visiting churches and individuals in U.S. to present the developments of his work. I hope that some of you may have the opportunity to meet them and share personally our common preaching efforts.

VISITORS FROM US CHURCHES. We had the joy to meet several ones from foreign churches and I'd like to list them. **Colton Watson** (Brownsburg, IN); **Natalie & Belinda** (Folsom, CA); **Kathrin Bailey** (Sidney, New York); **Logan & Chelsea Thomas** (Fort Worth, TX); **David, Yelenia, Elena Esparza** (Houston, TX); **Nichole Govan** (Clayton, NJ). We thank those brethren for their encouragement and good example.

God may continue to bless and keep us in serving Him with knowledge and pure faithfulness.

Thanks again for your interest and support. All the brethren in Rome send their best greetings and loving feelings.

Antonella, Valeria & Paolo send their good wishes.

"They of Italy salute you".

Stefano Corazza