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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 in good physical and spiritual health. First of all, we would like to thank you for your precious fellowship, which allows us to divulge the gospel also in Rome. Our field is difficult, due to radical traditionalism, but with your help we will keep on hoping to reach as many as possible to Christ.

PERSONAL NEWS. Thanking God, we're all doing fine. Our granddaughter Alicia is growing (4 months old) in good health and the same is for our grandson Alessandro (almost 2 years old). Both of them are doing fine. Our daughter Valeria is also doing well: busy, tired but happy. Our son Paolo is still working at Bologna for the Ryan Air aircraft. Often he comes down to Rome to visit all of us.

My wife Antonella is improving month by month after test and radiotherapies as result of her thyroid tumor. In November she will have to go under other test to check up the situation.

My parents are also doing OK. My dad Sandro (90 years old) is in fair condition, considering the natural problems at his age. He slowed down his translating work but still at work as long as energy will allow him to keep on the important work for the progress of the gospel here in Italy. In fact, his writings are of great help for many Christian of this Country. We freely give the commentary translated by him to all the ones that make request for a better personal Bible knowledge. My mother Elisabetta (88 years old) instead has more difficulties. She barely walks and sustained by a lot of medical cares. Everyday she is assisted by a nurse. However, I'm satisfied any way by the things concerning both of them. For me is obviously a big stress to check on them and taking care of all the practical things.

PREACHING EFFORTS IN ROME. The local work is proceeding with good initiatives and programs in order to strengthening our local preaching. We are thinking and working to prepare our public gospel meeting to hold next October.

After the summer vacation time for some brethren, I'm working to reorganize my personal and individual weekly Bible classes. Soon we should be all back to work together.

During mid-week Bible class, I started the reading and comment of 1 Thessalonians, an important document to better understand the intimate thoughts and feelings of the apostle Paul concerning brethren and churches.

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

The new work at **Ciampino** is also proceeding fine. The new converted, **Laura**, is growing in knowledge and participation and we are all glad about her conversion. Marco has other good contacts with whom studying the Bible week by week. We hope to see other good conversions. To start a new work from very beginning is quite hard over here but we are positive to do together a good work for the Lord.

At the beginning of September my wife and I made a short visit with the churches of Trieste and Monfalcone (north-east of Italy), where my brother in law **Gianni Berdini** preaches. I've been asked to preach in both congregations and we enjoyed the close fellowship with those brethren. For the occasion, we also enjoyed to see there again brother **David Thomley**, a wonderful friend of the Lord's work in Italy.

VISITORS FROM US CHURCHES. We had the joy to meet some brothers and sisters from US churches: **Richard & Kathy Blackford** (Jonesboro, AR); **Curtis & Susan Hale** (Orc, OK). We thank those brethren for their encouragement and good example. It's a good thing to worship God notwithstanding different culture and language.

God may continue to bless and keep us in every thing, so to serve Him with knowledge and constant faithfulness.

Thanks again for your kind patience and understanding. 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