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## ***NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)***

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Dear brethren in Christ,

my wife Antonella and I hope to find all of you enjoying every physical and spiritual blessing. We would like to express our deep feeling of gratefulness for all you're doing in our behalf. Your participation in the progress of the gospel here in Rome is extremely important and encouraging for all of us. Our field of work is particularly hard, as you may imagine, being daily surrounded by radical traditionalism and deep Bible ignorance. However, we're trying our best in reaching as many as possible to the Lord.

**PERSONAL NEWS.** Thanking God, we're all doing fine. Our granddaughter Alicia (5 months old) is growing healthy and the same is for our grandson Alessandro (just turned 2 years old). Both of them are a real joy for all our family. Our daughter Valeria is doing fine, a lot busy with her kids. Our son Paolo is still working at Bologna for the Ryan Air aircraft. We still hope that he may moved back to Rome, to be closer.

My wife Antonella is in the process to repeat several test to check up the developments of her thyroid tumor. Thinks, though, are going well so far.

My dad Sandro (90 years old) is doing well, in spite of his natural problems due to age. He slowly is continuing the translating work, which is very important for many of us. His writings are of great help for many Christians, not only in Rome. We freely give the commentaries translated to each one that makes request. My mother instead is not doing so well. Last Sunday night we had to call ambulance to recover her in the close hospital. She has breath problems and loosing of blood. She is not under special care and several test are done to find the causes of that. She's a little better now but her conditions still seem very precarious. We'll see in the next days or weeks about it. I'm taking care of the whole problem, trying to be as close as possible to both of them. Pray for us in this delicate moment.

**PREACHING EFFORTS IN ROME.** The local work is going very well. We are bringing forth our preaching programs and initiatives and things are moving fine.

Recently, about two weeks ago, a group of 11 Christians (of different ages) are attending our meetings. From what I understand, the church that they attended closed down for internal problems and else. I still do not know much about it. Some of them used to be members here some 20 years ago. I need to do a specific work with them to help them in a better understanding of Scriptures and conception about the N.T.

church. There's also a young man, born in Rome but from Nigerian mother, with whom I'll begin studying personally this week. He seems to have a good attitude about spiritual things and truths. It's a moment to have a lot of patience and good judgment of the all situation. I'm preparing specific lessons directed to their problems. There're the basis, though, to do a good work with them. We'll see the developments in future.

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

Our general average attendance is now about 50, with a good number of contacts, visitors and new members.

The new work at **Ciampino** is also going fine. The new converted, **Laura**, is growing in Bible knowledge and we are very happy to "touch" her improvements. Marco has other good contacts with whom studying the Bible weekly. We hope to see other conversions, to give strength to this young beginning work.

At the end of November I've been invited by the Latina church (**Francesco Fosci** is preaching there) to hold a public gospel meeting on the major theme: "Christ's Religion". It will be a good opportunity to preach and also to see the good brethren there that I know since many many years.

**FINANCIAL NEWS.** Two churches communicated me that they are unable to continue to support my work, and one is reducing it. In conclusion, I lost \$900 per month. If you can spread out this need to people or churches willing to have fellowship in this work I'll appreciate. I'll be also ready to give further details about the whole situation. Thank you.

**VISITORS FROM US CHURCHES.** In this period we had the joy to meet some brothers and sisters coming from US churches. They are: **Curtis & Susan Hale** (Orc, OK); Jonesboro, AR); **Diego Rojas & Katherine Silva** (Costa Rica); **Chris & Betsy Quinn** (Mt Helix, CA); **Ross & Nancy Fink** (Milton, GA). We thank those brethren for their encouragement and good example. It's always a wonderful experience to worship God notwithstanding different cultures and languages.

God may continue to bless and keep us in all things.

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*