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

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Dear brethren in the Lord,  
my wife Antonella and I hope to find each one of you doing fine in every spiritual blessing. We would like to express our sincere feeling of thankfulness for all you're doing to make possible our preaching of the gospel also in a difficult field as Rome is. In spite of radical traditionalism and Bible ignorance, we're strongly trying to reach as many as we can to God's Will. In spite of all, we trust in the power of the gospel to change people's life.

***PERSONAL NEWS.*** Thanking God, we're all doing fairly well. Our granddaughter Alicia (7 months old) is a joy for all of us. She is growing in all sense as well as our grandson Alessandro (26 months old). Our daughter Valeria is pretty much busy with the kids but happy and positive. Our son Paolo is still working at Bologna for the Ryan Air aircraft. He often visits us to be in the family. We hope to see him back to Rome, someday.

My wife Antonella passed of the medical checks to analyze her thyroid tumor. All is proceeding just fine. No growing is involved. She must repeat the tests next May/June. We thank God for all this.

My dad Sandro (91 years old next February) is doing OK, in spite of his natural problems of age. He is continuing to do translating work, which is very important for many of us. His writings are of great help for many Christians, not only in Rome. My mother instead is not doing so well. However, after her recovering to hospital, she came back home and things seem to go a little better. She can't walk anymore, though, and always in need of special cares and therapies. Things are getting heavier on me, to take care of the whole situation, but I'm satisfied.

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

The group of 13 Christians (of different ages) is attending regularly to our meetings. The church where they attended closed down and now they seem very happy to have found us. As you can imagine, I have to do a specific and personal work with them to create a better view of the Scriptures and conception of the N.T. church. I'm specially working with **Michel**, a young man born in Rome but of Nigerian roots. He's talents are evident and his spiritual attitude is very appreciated within the church. It's a moment to have

patience and to use good judgment to manage all the individual situations, so different from one another. However, the basis are positive.

During mid-week Bible class, I started the reading and comment of 1 Timothy, after concluding 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

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 baptized, **Laura**, is an encouraging for all of us. 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. Marco is also involved in working with the churches of **Carapelle** (by Foggia, 400 miles south from Rome) and **Alessandria** (in the north west, close to Milan).

The gospel meeting that I held at Latina went just fine. We had about 10 visitors. It's been a good opportunity to preach and to share some time together with the brethren there. I enjoyed their warm hospitality.

**FINANCIAL NEWS.** About the loss of \$ 900 per month, the situation did not change in practice. One church raised my support of \$500 but at the same time, another dropped their help (\$500) beginning next year. Naturally, I hope to solve soon such a situation and in this light, if you can if you can spread out this need to people or churches willing to have fellowship in this work I'll appreciate. If you need more details about this situation, contact me. Thank you.

**VISITORS FROM U.S. CHURCHES.** In this period we had the joy to meet some brothers and sisters coming from US churches. They are: **Don & Vickie Truex** (Temple Terrace, FL); **Mike & Fihan Grzywa** (Peoria, IL); **Jeff & Ann Ringness** (Germantown, IL). We thank those brethren for their encouragement and good example. It's always a great experience to worship God in spite of different cultures and languages.

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

Thanks again for your love and kind patience. 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*