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NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)

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Dear brethren in the Lord,
my wife Antonella and I wish to find each one of you in good physical and spiritual health. We would like to share with you our feelings of thankfulness for your support and fellowship, which allow us to preach the gospel also in Rome. We're trying to do our best in speaking up about Christ, notwithstanding our religious background so distant from the Truth.

PERSONAL NEWS. Thanking to God, all our family is doing well. Just today our granddaughter Alicia will turn 1 year old. Her mother Valeria is preparing a big celebration for the occasion. She is a joy for all of us. Also our grandson Alessandro (31 months) is growing fine. Our son Paolo is also doing fine. He's changing company (from Ryan Air to Easy Jet) and soon will be moving to Venice where is going to be stationed. He seems happy about the changing.

My dad Sandro (91 years old) is doing well, in spite of his age. His writings and translating works are still a reference point for many Christians here in Italy, willing to do personal studying's. With an obvious slowing down he's still working on all that. We freely send his material to whosoever asks for. On Sunday morning he attends to our worship services with great participation. My mother's situation is quite different. She is doing well but unable to walk anymore, staying always in bed, with a nurse and special caring therapies. Her brain and thinking is fair and I thank God for it.

PREACHING EFFORTS IN ROME. The physical conditions of **Alessia**, (32 years old, wife of **Marco Di Martino**), did not change much since last month. She is not recovered in **Foligno** (120 miles from Rome). We just went to visit her but I'm sorry to say that we did not see any substantial change, in spite of direct and particular therapy done in that hospital. We don't know yet if she will remain there or moved back to Rome. The whole situation remains extremely critical and delicate. There're very feeble hopes to see some kind of awakening.

Marco is keeping on, in the midst of this heavy tragedy, trying to be always strong and positive. Each one of us is trying to help him in any way.

The local work at via Sannio is going fine. We work trying to reach our preaching goals, adding new teaching activities. We're still meeting once a month to openly discuss on how to improve in our work and in growing participation.

April 29, we held our first public gospel meeting of the year. Brother Gianni Berdini, from Trieste, preached for us on the main theme: *"The Gospel, a lost value to be discovered"*. He did an excellent work and we thank him for it. We had also an encouraging attendance. The meeting place was filled up and about 10 new visitors attended. We hope to have an opportunity to begin studying the Bible with them. It's been also the occasion to share personal moments together with Gianni, besides his preaching.

At the end of May the Trieste church invited me to preach for their gospel meeting on the theme: *"Where's God?"*. I'm happy to see again many old friends and brethren over there: I know some of them since almost 40 years.

I'm particularly happy about the new classes for children. The kids are behaving much better and learning the old stories of the Bible with interest. The material prepared is good and the attitude of following the courses is positive. The teachers, **Angela** and **Daniela**, are doing a wonderful service.

During mid-week Bible class, I'm still teaching from 2 Timothy. On Sunday morning, after the worship, I'm still teaching from the book of Acts, trying to focus the major standard and model related to New Testament church. I'm also giving special attention to the discipline concept within the local church.

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

VISITORS FROM US CHURCHES. We had the joy to meet several brethren coming from American churches. I'd like to list them. **Jeff & Ann Ringness** (Germantown, IN) ; **Kent, Kim & Ella Horton** (Keller, TX); **Dan & Jude Davidson** (Cocur d'Alene, ID); **Jessie Hancock, Allison Terrell, Carly Barber; Steve & Judy Cox** (Franklin, TN); **James & Marlene Jinks** (Morris Plains, NJ); **Maria Warren** (Fairfield, NJ). We thank those brethren for their good example and encouragement.

Thanks again for your fellowship and kind patience. All the brethren in Rome send their best greetings.

Antonella, Valeria & Paolo send their good wishes. God may continue to bless and keep us safe in His kingdom.

"They of Italy salute you".

Stefano Corazza