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NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)

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Dear brethren in Christ,
my wife Antonella and I wish to find all of you doing fine in every good thing. We would like to express our deepest feelings of thankfulness for all you're doing in our behalf, allowing us to preach the gospel also in Rome. We are trying to do our best in reaching as many as possible to Christ. The strong opposition of the Catholic world does no make this easy to accomplish but we'll try our best anyway.

PERSONAL NEWS. Thanking God, we are doing OK. Our grandchildren (Alessandro and Alice) are growing well with the joy of all the family. They are now attending the nursery schools and are facing well the new impact. Our son Paolo moved close to Venice, having begun the new work for the Easy Jet Aircraft. We just went to visit him for few days and are happy to see that all is going just fine for him. He's close to the churches of Udine, Trieste and Monfalcone, so able to attend to their services.

My parents Sandro and Elisabetta (91 and 89) are having some problems, especially my dad. I had to take him in three different hospitals within the last two months. Problems were different: cardiologic, internal bleeding, kidney dysfunctions. By now he's doing a little better. He's at home but under special attention by therapists and doctors. Also the medicine therapies changed, having an increase of pills. The situation seems now under control but, as you can imagine, we are worry about his future conditions. He's on bed since two months ago, having now natural difficulties to stand and walk as he used to. I contacted a couple of specialists to do a daily physiotherapy on him and hope to solve that problem. Keep him on your prayers.

My mother is more or less in the same situation, always in bed with a nurse 24 hours a day taking care of her. Their situation is decaying and even simple things become a bigger problem. I hope for a better future.

PREACHING EFFORTS IN ROME. The local work at via Sannio is keeping on very well. I'm closely working on the new contacts that are showing particular talents and good willingness. Personal weekly Bible classes are continuing with **Maurizio, Gianluca, and Michel**. All of them are giving good signs of growth and spiritual participation. I hope that the church will grow in this direction.

Also the new Bible children class is continuing to go very well, with a big encouragement for all of us. The teachers, **Angela, Daniela, and Patrizia** are doing a good service, so

important for next generations of Christians. I'm particularly close to this work giving them my counsels, suggestions and encouraging aspects to improve the whole general studying.

During mid-week Bible class, I'm beginning to teach on John's epistles, after completing 1-2 Timothy and Titus. On Sunday morning, after the worship, I'm close to complete the teaching of the book of Acts. This has been important to underline and focus the pattern for the NT church. I'm now working to prepare and teach a new young class on Ephesians epistle, to help the growth of next generation.

We are trying also to work on next public gospel meeting, inviting our friends, contact, and those who are looking for religious answers.

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

The new local work at **Ciampino**, where **Marco di Martino** is locally working, is going well. We are trying to help in any way the good growth of this preaching effort, born from very beginning.

VISITORS FROM OTHER CHURCHES. Also these past months we had the joy to meet several brethren visiting Rome, especially coming from American churches. I'd like to list them. **Raul Sandwal** (Valle Hermoso Tam, Mexico); **Michael & Joanna Krueger** (Friendswood, TX); **Taylor & Sarah Bethea** (Auburn, AL); **Stephen Smith** (West Chester, OH); **Chris, Marianne, Anjaie, Aruna Simeon** (Banstellen, Switzerland).

We all thank those brethren for their good example and encouragement.

Thanks again for your patient fellowship. 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