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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 heavenly blessing. We would like to express our sincere feelings of thankfulness for all you're doing to allow us to preach the gospel also in Rome. We are trying to do our best in proclaiming the gospel in spite of the strong opposition of our Catholic society.

***ABOUT MY FATHER SANDRO.*** As many of you already know, my dad Sandro quit fighting upon this earth. October 24, early in the morning (5.30 AM), he died in the Lord, putting an end to his physical sufferings. A month ago he had a severe brain stroke that paralyzed his left side, but only yesterday his heart stopped pulsing.

Tomorrow morning funerals will be held and I'm going to speak. It will not be easy for me but I'll try to do my best in honoring his person and story.

He's been the first Italian to be converted after War II and from him the preaching of the gospel went out all over Italy. He went through persecutions, hate, offenses, slandering, always standing up! A giant of the Faith. Incredible man. Genial, generous, brave and faithful to the Lord. His writing works (years and years of hard work) are still and will remain, a patrimony for all of us. It's a great loss as far as memories and reference point. He had the ability to read and understand, out of the Bible, uncommon things, always going to the heart of the contest. I've been blessed to learn from him. We all will miss him so much.

I thank all those of you that already sent me emails and messages to sympathize with us in this moment. These thoughts help to overcome the sadness of the time. Thanks very much.

My mother Elisabetta is trying to overcome this loss, after almost 70 years of living together, but is not easy. They lived one into the other. We are all trying to help her now and in the future to get over all this. She needs time and peace. Keep her in your prayers.

***PREACHING EFFORTS IN ROME.*** The local work at via Sannio is going fine. I'm closely working on the new contacts that are showing particular talents and good willingness. My personal weekly Bible classes are continuing with **Maurizio**, **Gianluca**, and **Michel**. All of them are growing diligently and with sincere passion, showing evident fruit of good understanding of Scriptures. Gianluca and I began teaching the college class on

Sunday morning on the book of Ephesians. He's showing great responsibility and maturity and this is a great joy for me.

Also the new Bible children class is continuing to improve. The teachers, **Antonella, Daniela,** and **Patrizia** are doing a wonderful service, so fundamental for next generations of Christians. I'm particularly close to them trying to exchange my experience and knowledge.

During mid-week Bible class, I began to teach on John's epistles, after completing 1-2 Timothy and Titus. On Sunday morning, after the worship, I completed the teaching of the book of Acts. This has been important to underline and focus the pattern for the NT church.

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 continuing well. We are trying to help in any way the good growth of this preaching effort, born from very scratch.

**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. **Nathan & Scarlett Pepper** (Rogersville, AL); **Dale & Nancy Miller** (Cedar Rapids, Iowa); **Brent & Charlsi Legendre** (Spring Hills, TN); **Steve Bills** (Cuyahoga Falls, OH); **Lukle & Caroline Dorkery** (Farmington, AR).

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*