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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 material and spiritual blessing. We would like to share with you our deep feelings of gratefulness for your patience and support, which allow us to proclaim the power of the gospel also in Rome. The field, as you know, is very hard but we'll try our best to reach as many as possible to Christ.

PERSONAL NEWS. I thank all those that wrote me, and continuing to write, concerning the loss of my father Sandro (October 24, 2017). Your thoughts and memory of dad are of great uplifting for my family and me, along with the via Sannio church. I'm realizing now how important and faithful has been his service in God's Kingdom. The signs of his earthly passage will remain as a strong example for us that remain.

Funeral took place October 26 and I had to speak for the occasion. It's not been easy to do but I gave all I had for the many that attended. The meeting place was filled up and crowded with brethren, friends, relatives. I tried to enter in his thought and deliver the "same" lesson that he would have liked to share with the presents. I hope to have well represented his mind.

I week later, cremation took place, according his will. It's been another hard and touching moment for the present.

My mother Elisabetta is reacting well. She's slowly trying to recover after the big loss: they were married for almost 70 years. I'm trying to be closer than I can to her. She needs time and interior peace.

PREACHING EFFORTS IN ROME. The local work at via Sannio is continuing fine, in spite of the obvious trauma due to Sandro's departure. We also need the right time to overcome the human loss.

I'm closely working on the new contacts, helping them to improve in their reading and understanding of Scriptures. As a fruit of this effort, recently Michel delivered a good sermon, well accepted by the church. He's a fine young man (his origin family is from Nigeria, but he was born in Rome). I expect much from him and he deserves my attention and care. **Gianluca** and I are continuing to teach the college class on Sunday morning. The class (about 10 people) is giving us great encouragement. Gianluca is diligently keeping his sharing role in the teaching.

Also the new Bible children class is going real fine. The teaching material is improving and the kids are more and more involved in the project. The teachers, **Antonella, Daniela,** and **Patrizia** are doing a great service with passion and right communication between them in the building up of the material to be used. I'm particularly close to them, giving my experience and knowledge.

During mid-week Bible class, I'm still teaching John's epistles.

Our general average attendance is now about 50, with an encouraging number of new contacts and visitors. As a result of personal work of brethren, last Sunday we had 6 new people attending the worship service. We hope to help them learning the Truth.

The new local work at **Ciampino**, where **Marco di Martino** is locally working, is continuing well. Next Saturday night we'll hold a gospel meeting, hoping to meet new people interested in studying the Bible. We are trying to help in all we can this new work 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. **Don & Freida Henderson** (Snider, TX); **Jonathan & Hayli Apple** (Atlanta, GA); **Damiano Grasso** (Brisbane, Australia); **Mike & Becky Coffey** (Bowling Green, KY); **Larry & Joan Coffey** (Louisville, KY).

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