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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 all God's blessing. We would like to express our deep feelings of gratefulness for your patient fellowship, allowing us to spread out the good news of the gospel also in Rome, in this hard field filled by Bible ignorance and human religious paganism. We're trying our best to bring the Word to as many people as possible, hoping to find good and honest hearts. Our surrounding times of deep materialism do not help spiritual perspectives of life, but we'll do the heavy job.

PERSONAL NEWS. Our family is slowly trying to recover from my dad's earthly departure and I thank again for your kind thoughts and prayers. He's example and work are continuing to enlighten our lives.

My mother Elisabetta is doing well. Obviously, she has bad days thinking about the loss but situation is stable. She is always in bed with 24h assistance by a nurse, Gina, member of the church. Her daily life is made up of special cares, medicines, and therapies. We're trying to face the extra expenses in the best way.

PREACHING EFFORTS IN ROME. The local work at via Sannio is continuing fine; many good signs of growth and participation. I'm spending most of my time trying to help the new members to grow in spiritual matters. I'm still having special classes with **Gianluca, Maurizio, Luca, Michel**. Some of them are delivering lessons and sermons doing an encouraging work for all the church.

The Bible children class is going on with good results. Progresses are evident. I'm working on the didactic material, counseling the teachers about the importance of right and opportune communication, dealing with very young people. The teachers, **Antonella, Angela, Daniela, and Patrizia** are doing a great job to build up these next generations.

During mid-week Bible class, I'm still teaching out of John's epistles. We reached the third letter.

Our general average attendance is now about 50. We have new contacts and friends attending and I hope to see soon some new conversions. We also have two young girls from China who are following diligently.

In the March meeting, we talk about the need of the work, and future activities. We are still in need to do some maintenance works at the meeting place and we scheduled a public gospel meeting in May or June.

The new local work at **Ciampino**, where **Marco di Martino** is locally working, is continuing fine. There are good contacts and weekly Bible classes going on with good perspectives. Brethren from Rome attend at the afternoon worship there, trying to encourage and help.

VISITORS FROM OTHER CHURCHES. Also these past weeks we had the joy to meet several brethren visiting Rome, especially coming from American churches. I'd like to remember them in the following list. **Craig & Tami** (Racine, WI); **Anna Bell Stringers** (California); **Jennine Ravesloot** (Highland, IN); **Jonas Manske** (Winsonsin); **Mark & Corrina Orlovsky** (Racine, WI); **Alan & Izak Zulkowsky** (Brookfield, WI); **Shelly Hopkins** (Crab Orchard, KY); **Marie Schatzman** (Sturtevant, WI); **Judith Johnson** (Racine, WI); **Rebecca Blackwelder** (Mount Pleasant, WI); **Gail Herzos** (Sturtevant, WI); **Kathy Jambretz** (Racine, WI); **Jared Greer** (Hammond, IN). We also had the joy to see again **David Thomley** (Rolling Hills, TN) and **David McClister** (Brandon, FL) visiting the brethren of Latina. They were invited to preach by the brethren there. We enjoyed their lessons and encouragements.

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

Thanks again for your help and patient support. All the brethren in Rome send their best greetings and love.

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