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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 in good physical and spiritual health, within God's blessings. We would like again to share with you our sincere gratitude for allowing us to preach the gospel also in Rome, a concentration of all possible hindrances against the Faith. We're living difficult times and we are persuaded more than ever that only through the gospel we can find answers and solutions. We'll keep on trying our very best to make all this possible. We need your prayers and patience to accomplish this fundamental goal.

PERSONAL NEWS. Our family is doing well. Still missing my dad Sandro but happy to share his wonderful memories and remembrances. Our two grandchildren, Alessandro (4 years next October) and Alice (just turned 2) are growing well and in good health. They are a true joy for our all of us.

My mother Elisabetta is in the same conditions, ups and downs and always in need of serious therapies. I don't know how many medicines she's taking but the situation seems stable. She does not walk anymore, being always in bed, and under Gina's nursing, all day long. This situation is a big stress for me, trying always to make the right decisions about many things, also economically.

PREACHING EFFORTS IN ROME. The local work at via Sannio is going just fine, with good indications of growth in personal responsibilities. I'm giving special attention to the developments related to the new and young members. Recently **Michel** delivered a sermon, doing a good work. He spoke about the importance and meanings to be a child of God. We studied together to prepare it and he showed encouraging zeal and capability. Also the personal studies, on different subjects, with **Gianluca** and **Maurizio** are proceeding well.

The new Bible children classes are a reason of rejoicing for me. The work is long and requires constant dedication but the good material that we're preparing will help us to do a good job. The sisters involved in the didactic teaching activities are doing an excellent work, good also for their growth.

During mid-week Bible class, I just began the teaching of Peter's epistles so we started the first 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.

Finally we should soon start some necessary works of maintenance of the meeting place, trying to realize a second restroom, so to have men's and women's. We also need to do some painting refreshing, inside and outside the building.

The new local work at **Ciampino**, where **Marco di Martino** is locally working, is also going well, in spite of difficulties to start from scratch. There are good contacts and weekly Bible classes going on. A sister that was living in Milan, **Anna**, just moved down to Ciampino for a new work and is joining the group. Some 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.

Jared Greer (Hammond, IN); **Stephany & Jaylynn Mast** (Monroe, Washington); **Josh & Marissa Coleman** (Richmond, KY); **Trevor & Rachel Robinett** (Mustang, Oklahoma); **Nathan & Amy Turner** (Dallas, TX); **Ed Brand** (Russelville, AL). Next month a tour of about 38 American brethren will visit us and we're scheduling a special meeting during the week to be together, singing, praying and talking about the Lord's work. We're looking forward to meet them. Also **David Thomley** will be among them, and for us is always a joy to see him back in Rome.

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

Thanks again for your help and patient fellowship. 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