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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 blessings. We would like to renew to you our deepest feelings of gratefulness for all you're doing in our behalf, especially giving us the possibility to fully announce the gospel in a difficult city as Rome, and among so many hindrances and human traditions. Atheism and materialism that are surrounding us can be faced only through the power of the gospel. We're trying to do our best in reaching as many as possible to Christ and for this we ask your prayers to accomplish this important task.

PERSONAL NEWS. Our family is doing pretty good. We're still surrounded by memories related to the missing of my dad Sandro that are always surprised of so much affection and interest. Our two grandchildren, Alessandro (4 years next October) and Alice (just turned 2) are a great joy for all of us and enjoy every minute that we can share around them.

Since two weeks ago, my mother Elisabetta is in the Hospital for a bad internal infection (Sepsis). She's now a little better but in need of continuous doctor attention. The doctors told me that she should be recovered in a special structure, daily monitored. In other words, she could not be back home as before. She is very weak and feeble and barely able to talk. Her mind is still present though. I am looking around to find a good location to fit her needs. You can imagine how much stressing is this situation for all of us, especially in having to make the right and better decision for her. We'll see in the immediate future what will be the best solution. I know that many of you went through the same problems and pains.

PREACHING EFFORTS IN ROME. The local work at via Sannio is moving on fine, notwithstanding the period of vacation and travelling of many brethren. I'm trying to keep on the individual Bible classes that I have with young member and contacts, hoping to help them in some way.

The children's Bible classes are a real satisfaction for me. Seeing the growth of possible new generation of Christians is source of happiness and hope. The work is obviously long but we trust in the good fruits that could come out of it. The sisters involved in this teaching program are doing a good and dedicated work.

During mid-week Bible class, I'm still teaching out of 1st Peter's epistle, an important and basic doctrinal writing.

Our general average attendance is about 50, with good new contacts and friends attending. We also have a group of five Chinese girls among them. Communication is now difficult but they are improving in Italian, so to understand each other much better. They say to be Christians.

The new local work at **Ciampino**, where **Marco di Martino** is locally working, is also going well, in spite of hardship to start a local work from very beginning. There are good contacts and weekly Bible classes going on. A sister that used to live in Milan, **Anna**, moved in May 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 being of some.

VISITORS FROM OTHER CHURCHES. Also these past weeks we had the joy to meet many brethren visiting Rome, mostly coming from American churches. I'd like to remember them.

Nick & Katie Woods (Athens, AL); **Joe & Susan Rimmer** (Sansord, FL); **Lauren Lamb** (Bowling Green, KY); **Maggie Day** (Bowling Green, KY); **Matt, Amy, Madison, Mason & Matthew Allen** (Okc, OK); **Michelle & Abigail Alford** (Spring Hill, TN); **Gloria & Natalie Johnson** (Hanceville Church of Christ); **Don & Norma Loud** (Waterville Maine Church of Christ); **Reegan, Eric & Cindy Awwad** (Brownsburg, IN); **Jordan Hovater** (Atlanta, GA); **Susan Angell** (Wichita, TX); **Linda Barnett** (Hope, NM); **John & Janet Gibson** (Athens, AL); **Jennifer Maxey**, Columbia, TN); **Math McClith** (Merritt Island, FL) **Bonnie Johnson** (Murfreesboro, TN); **John Mayey** (Columbia, TN); **Gregory Picogna** (Cullman, AL); **Sophie Stinson** (Hendersonville, TN); **Jessica Maxey** (Columbia, TN); **Trishel Johnson** (Murfreesboro, TN); **Leigh Hestev** (Birmingham, AL); **Dan Rice** (Birmingham, AL); **Peter Vandebuerie** (Houthalen, Belgie); **Julio & Sarah Cadeno** (New Haven, CT). A good part of those brethren visited as a tour guided by **Leon Molden**. Also **David Thomley** was part of it. On Wednesday evening we gather together for singing and praying together. It was a good moment of sharing our common faith.

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

Thanks again for your help and constant 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".

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