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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 material and spiritual blessing. Once again, we would like to express our true feelings of gratefulness for all you're doing for us, allowing to fully preach the gospel in a difficult city as Rome, world center of human traditionalism and paganism. We will give the best of ourselves to keep on speaking of the gospel, trying to find as many people as possible, willing to know God and obey to His word. We ask your prayers and patience to realize our expectations.

PERSONAL NEWS. With deep sadness I must tell you that November 12, in the morning, my mother Elisabetta passed away, finishing to suffer of all her physical problems. She may now rest with the Lord, in the great hope of the final resurrection. In the last month she went from one hospital to another but finally she ended to struggle. Obviously, she is a big loss for the church here. Along with my father Alessandro, since 1949, she put all her efforts to help the Lord's work. In almost one exact year I lost both of them but I feel blessed to have known the gospel through them. They have been good and lovely parents and we all will miss them so much.

I take this opportunity now to thank all those that have already sent me mails, cards, sharing with me their thoughts and feelings.

The rest of my family is doing well. We're still surrounded by the warm affection of many brethren in this particular moment. Our two grandchildren, Alessandro (4 years next October) and Alice (2 and half) are growing well and are a real joy and consolation for Antonella and I.

PREACHING EFFORTS IN ROME. The local work at via Sannio is going fine. We just met to organize our future work, including some needed works at the meeting place. December 1 & 2, brother **David Thomley** will preach for us. It will be a good opportunity to invite friends and contacts to hear the Truth, and also to be together with David, a constant encouragement for all of us in Italy.

I'm keeping on the weekly individual Bible classes that I have with the young member of the church and with me new contacts.

We're continuing to work on the Bible children classes, trying to add good material. This work requires attention and a lot of patience.

During mid-week Bible class, I'm still teaching out of Peter's epistles, a solid and basic doctrinal writings.

We started a new class on hymns, trying to learn new songs and improve the congregational singing. It's a good moment to be together and sing praises to God. The participation of the brothers and sisters is enthusiastic and joyful.

Our general average attendance is about 50, with good new contacts and friends attending.

The new local work at **Ciampino**, where **Marco di Martino** is locally working, is also going well, in spite of the understandable difficulties to start such a work from very beginning. There are good contacts and weekly Bible classes going on. One of those, Massimo, is very close to baptism. Let's hope and pray for him. We're doing what we can to be of help and encourage this new work that came out of our preaching programs and efforts.

My financial situation is just fine and not changing is involved. However, if you need a more detailed information about my incomes, let me know and I'll provide with an accurate list of all.

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

Antonella, Valeria and Paolo send their good wishes. God may continue to bless and keep us safe in His kingdom.

"They of Italy salute you".

Stefano Corazza