

Rome, May 22, 2019

Dear brethren in Christ,
my wife Antonella and I hope to find all of you doing just fine in all things. As always, we'd like to share with you all our sincere feelings of thankfulness for what you're doing in our behalf, giving us the possibility to live by the gospel and to preach the Word also in Rome, the Capital of modern paganism and religious traditionalism. In spite of our social/cultural hindrances, we're keeping on preaching the gospel, hoping to find good hearts, willing to build spiritual life's. We ask your patience and prayers to continue in all this.

PERSONAL NEWS. Always thanking God, we are doing fine. Our two grandchildren, Alessandro (5 years next October) and Alice (3 years) are growing well. They are a great joy for all the family. It seems impossible to think how fast they're growing (and we're getting older!).

As I already wrote you, our daughter Valeria is waiting for another baby, coming sometimes next October. She's doing well. All the tests and medical check ups are OK. The baby will be a boy and his name will be Samuele. Some extra work for her and us!

Our son Paolo is still working in the north of Italy, by Venice, with the British company EasyJet low cost aircraft.

PREACHING EFFORTS IN ROME. The local work at via Sannio is proceeding fine. Brothers and sisters are united and happy to grow together in accomplishing our local dues. We have our ups and downs, as it is in every church, but the important thing is to be able to get up, standing up all together.

My weekly Bible classes are going on. I'm particularly working with new young brothers, helping them in improving in the public speaking service. They are really doing all good.

Last week we had our public gospel meeting. I preached on the subject: *"God: where are you?"*: an analysis on his existence and providence. A delicate and difficult theme that I tried to present using Bible's examples and also good judgment.

We advertised the meeting on several magazines and newspapers and we had a fairly good response. The meeting place was crowded with some new visitors and contacts. We hope to start studying the Bible with some of them. Also some brethren from Latina and Ciampino churches attended at the meeting. It's been a good moment of common and sharing fellowship.

During mid-week Bible class, I'm begun teaching out of James' epistle, another important teaching source about practical aspects of Christian life.

On Sunday morning, after worship, I am continuing the teaching from Isaiah. We reached chapter 40. I'm trying to give a general overview of the book. So far I'm very pleased of the developments of this study. The brethren are following with interest and participation.

The local work at **Ciampino** (that we all helped to get started about three years ago), is slowly growing and we're all very encouraged for it. Marco Di Martino is doing a fine local work, notwithstanding the sad and critical situation of his wife Alessia, still in hospital in a vegetative coma after more than two years! What a heavy burden to carry on! We are all very close to Marco in this difficult moment.

Our general average attendance is about 50, with a good attendance of several new contacts.

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 record their names in the following list. **Jody Nettle** (Clinton, IL); **Jill Contreras** (Crestwood, IL); **Clint & Diana Hartman** (Lima, OH); **Kendall & Jodee Wheeler** (Clovis, CA); **Zac & Rochelle Brown** (Single Spring, CA); **Mark & Jamie McCallister** (Vacaville, CA); **James & Cynthia Heaberlin** (Carrollton, TX); **Amy , Jeffrey & Heidi Abell** (Murfreesboro, TN).

We thank those brethren for their example and encouraging visit among us.

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

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".