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## NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)

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Dear brethren in Christ,

my wife Antonella and I hope to find each one of enjoying every material and spiritual blessing. We'd like to express again our sincere feelings of thankfulness for your participation to the preaching of the Gospel also in Rome, the Capital of human idea of religiosity, exactly at the opposite of God's plans and so far away from Truth. Our society and background does not help at all our efforts in trying to reach as many as possible to Christ. Though, we'll strive on with stronger hopes. Thanks for your fellowship and patience.

**PERSONAL NEWS.** We are doing fine. Our three grandchildren, Alessandro (5 years), Alice (3 years) and Samuele (3 months old) are doing just fine and growing in all things. They are a true joy for all the family. Our daughter Valeria is doing well in recovering after the last pregnancy.

Our son Paolo is still living and working in the north of Italy, very close to Venice, with the British aircraft company, EasyJet. Soon he should come down for some days to visit Valeria and us.

**PREACHING EFFORTS IN ROME.** The local work at via Sannio is proceeding just fine. The new sister, **Cristina** (Gianluca Di Martino's wife), is growing in participation and Bible knowledge, and she is a joy for all of us.

My weekly personal Bible classes are continuing and going real well. As a result of it, in the immediate future, three young men, Gianluca, Michel and Luca, will alternate in delivering sermons, after having studied with me on how to improve exposition and capturing audience attention. My purpose is to help rising new and young generations of speakers and teachers within the local church, so to see the coming future with a better and positive attitude.

I'm very glad of a new weekly class with a young man, **Luigi** (23 years old). We already met three times and his interest in the Bible is encouraging. He's showing a good and well disposed heart. He still surprises himself after the reading the Bible and knowing the good and new things of the gospel. People generally do not get surprise of anything about spiritual things, showing a very lack interest.

During mid-week Bible class, I'm still teaching from James, fundamental book of New Testament to understand the right balance between Truth and practical deeds of obedience.

On Sunday morning, after worship, I'm continuing the teaching from the book of Romans. We reached chapter fifteen. To help the brethren in following the lessons I hand out and pass along my comment notes. It's always touching for me the reading of things addressed to the Romans brethren of so many years ago. Thanking God, we're still here!

Also the local work at **Ciampino** (that we helped to get started about three years ago) is a strong encouragement for us. Marco Di Martino, who is now completely dedicated to it, is doing a good work, notwithstanding the critical situation of his wife Alessia, still in a vegetative coma after more than two years! Few weeks ago Marco brought her back home, after having prepared a special room to assist here in all the many things she needs every day. Besides that, three nurses and one doctor go every day (from 7 AM down to 9 PM) to assist her. We hope that Marco will be able to bare such a heavy situation. We pray for the best solution.

Our general average attendance is about 50, with an encouraging attendance of friends, relatives and recent contacts.

My financial situation did not change from what you know. However, if some of you need a better description of it, let me know and I'll try to give you a more detailed information.

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".

Stefano Corazza