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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 all of you doing fine, in spite of the worldly pandemic situation that we are all experienced. We'd like to share with you our deep feelings of gratefulness for your patience and lovely fellowship, allowing us to preach the Gospel also in Rome, in a deep context of human traditionalism and false Bible teachings.

PERSONAL NEWS. Thanking God we're doing fine up to now. As far as I know, do not know of any brother hit by Corona virus here in Italy, and we rejoice for this good new.

Also Valeria's family is OK, including her three kids. Our son Paolo is also fine. From half of June he finally could come down to Rome, after the opening of Counties situation.

He still does not work since the Easyjet Company did not start most of its flights. He hopes to catch back his job as soon as possible.

CORONAVIRUS SITUATION IN ITALY. Since the first week of June, the situation is slowly getting better. Most of activities are open (shops, restaurants, hotels, travelling...) and people seem to move in a close normality. We still have obvious restrictions of gathering, dressing mask, disinfection, and distances. The risk of a new shut down is still quite high and much is depending by the sense of responsibility of everyone.

The economic situation is still a primary problem to solve. Many lost jobs and to get a new one is very hard. Several of our brethren are still on unemployment list or layoffs. They will receive some money (70% of regular wage lasting one year) but not to cover all the daily expenses and needs.

We have been unable to meet at the meeting place since March 8th, using Zoom app for seeing each other and worship in someway. Since next Sunday, July 19th, **we will be back to our meeting place for worship.** We're working to satisfy all the Government requirements, and the process is quite complicated. We must keep distances, wearing mask all the time, not singing, not passing the Lord's Supper. Attendees will have to bring bread and wine from their homes for personal use. Also the use of air conditioning seems to be forbidden. After the meeting we must clean up the building for next gathering. However, we'll go on try to seeing one another once again, hoping that all

may be going well. The older brethren will stay home and follow us through Zoom video, until the situation will improve.

We'll keep the Zoom videos for personal Bible classes and mid-week studies, until the situation will be better and cleared.

REJOICING OF NEW CONVERSIONS. Friday 3, we had the joy to witness two baptisms: **Jakeline** (45 years old) and her son **Luigi** (23 years old) obeyed to the Lord. After three years of studying, with Jakeline, and 8 month with Luigi, they expressed the willingness to be baptized. We met on Friday afternoon at our meeting place and did it. Some brethren attended and have been a joy for all of us. It's been quite touching and emotional to baptize a mother and her son at the same time, I never did it before. Jakeline and Luigi are originally from Ecuador but they lived in Rome since many years. They speak perfect Italian. Both of them must study and learn many things but they are showing a good attitude in this. Luigi is also trying to influence his two older brothers, with whom I talked few times. We'll see.

In this delicate moment of lonely and reflection, in which everything seemed dry and dying, the power of the Gospel brought light, encouraging and strengthening us through the good conversion of those new souls. We thank God for these precious moments, that live beyond crisis and hardships.

I close now, hoping and praying that we may all learn form this hard experience, and appreciate more and more the great and eternal blessings that we can all share in Christ.

Thanks again for your support and faithful participation. 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. Be safe and stay well.

"They of Italy salute you".

Stefano Corazza