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NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)

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Dear brothers in the Lord,
my wife Antonella and I hope to find each one of you doing fine in every God's blessing. We'd like to express our deepest feelings thankfulness for everything that you're doing in our behalf, allowing us the opportunity to preach the power of the gospel also in Rome, Capital and concentration of human religiosity, traditions, and false Bible teachings. Besides all that, we're trying to do what we can to proclaim God's Truth and so reaching as many as possible to Christ.

PERSONAL NEWS. Thanking God, we're doing OK, even though the COVID situation over here is still rather serious. This month, my wife and I got the second shot of Pfizer vaccine and so we feel a little more comfortable about it. It should last for about six month, we were told.

Our daughter Valeria and her family are doing OK. Alessandro (6), Alice (5) and Samuele (16 months) are doing well, growing in health, and understanding. They are a true joy for all the family.

Also our son Paolo is doing fine. He did not yet go to work since the flights business is still pretty blocked out. He hopes to catch back some working hours by this or next month, but in reality nobody knows exactly what this market will be in a short time. Some previsions talk of about two years before catching back with the past business.

CORONAVIRUS SITUATION IN ITALY. The pandemic situation over here is getting a little better, due to the many vaccines that have been made. We still have about 2/3 hundred deaths per day. We have more openings, less restrictions, few lock downs, but the situation requires the same attention and sensitive carefulness.

Though, the economic situation continues to be very critical in most European Countries. I think that we would need many more months to see some "light" out of the tunnel. The rebuilding time will be difficult and slow.

LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY. We're trying to keep on our preaching activity, doing what we can to continue our spiritual efforts. The reality is still very hard but we trust in God's providence and guide through the gospel.

As I wrote in my last report, we opened again our meeting place, even though we have a good number of members still joining us at distance through Zoom app. We can't receive all the brethren, having to maintain distances and security prescriptions by law.

We can host not more than 20/22 people at a time. Anyway, we're happy for what we can do now. Last Sunday we had the visit of a couple, showing interest and willingness to go in deeper studies. I hope to see them back again next Sunday.

Through Zoom, I'm keeping on the weekly personal studying's with Gianluca, Stefania, Maurizio, Michel, Luca. I'm very pleased and encouraged by their interest and participation in the local growth.

They will be the next generation of Christians over here, fulfilling the high responsibility to carry on the Lord's work also in Rome.

Considering the present situation, obviously, my moments of teachings and sermons are focused to encourage and underline the story of God's people along the centuries, considering the many difficulties that they had to go through to keep the faith in Him. Patience and endurance are the key words to remind.

On Thursday evening mid-week Bible class, I concluded the study of Galatians and just begun the teaching of the book of Ephesians.

I close now, hoping and praying that we may all learn to appreciate more and more the great blessings that we can share in Christ; blessings that make possible our wider vision, looking and hoping of real life.

Thanks again for your patience and participating spiritual 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. Be safe and stay well in Him.

"They of Italy salute you".

Stefano Corazza