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NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)

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Dear brothers in Him,

my wife Antonella and I hope to find all of you doing just fine in every material and spiritual blessing. We would like once again to share with you our deep feeling of thankfulness for all that you are doing in our behalf, allowing us the opportunity to preach the gospel also in a city as Rome, so rooted in Bible ignorance and false. In spite of this background, we'll be trying to do our best in reaching as many as possible to Christ. Thanks for your fellowship and trust.

PERSONAL NEWS. I'm doing fine, perfectly recovered after the recent heart test and exams done last month. Thanking God, I'm fully back to my normal life. I must do obviously regularly controls along the year, but all is going well, according to therapies. All this is now the "normal style of living" for a man that will turn 70 next May!

The COVID situation in our Country is still under a good control. Antonella and I got the fourth vaccine shot, hoping to better protect ourselves from it. Any way, it's always a good advice to maintain the general safety precautions about it.

Our daughter Valeria and her family are doing fine. Our three grandchildren (Alessandro 8 years, Alice 6, Samuele 3) are doing OK, always busy with their school and sport activities. We try to give some help to manage them and found a fair "rhythm". They are funny and eager to learn so many things. Their capacity of understanding is still wondering me.

Our son Paolo is also doing fine. He spent some days off from work in Rome but now he's back to his weekly job in Milan.

LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY. Our local preaching activity is proceeding fine. We're fully immersed in our regular teaching programs, trying to edify the congregation, leading to the fundamental research of individual growth. Some of our brethren are still doing their best following the teaching through Zoom app; age, physical diseases, or personal problems are forcing their choices. The Covid situation still requires sometimes scrupulous attention and responsibility. We hope to be finally live directly our spiritual fellowship.

Recently, as I already wrote, brother Amedeo Fiorilli joined our membership. He could be a good source for our local work. He studied in the recent past with Gianni Berdini, David Thomley and myself, while he was a member of the Ciampino church. I began studying with him on a regular base, on Monday night at 6 PM, studying an Introduction to Old Testament

I'm very much involved in my weekly personal Bible studies program with Maurizio, Michel, Luca, Clelia, Paoliana, Pierpaolo, Amedeo. Is my opinion that this working program with our individual brethren will result very important in preparing next generations of Christians standing for the Truth.

I am also talking and studying with Gionathan (from Ecuador) and his girlfriend Helena (from Colombia), who are showing great interest. They attend regularly to our Sunday services.

Grazia, our new Christian sister, is doing well. She is a good encouragement for all of us, through her will of studying, attending, participating to our activities. She normally needs to know many aspects of the Truth but her attitude will lead her to reach this goal.

Our brother Michel is still working in Lion (France), but he should be back among us, I hope, by the end of January. Though, through Zoom, we can see him and he can be closer to us.

I'm also still working on the children's Bible classes, training the young members to be involved in the regular teaching. By different ages level, we have 9 young ones to distribute in different classes.

On Thursday evening, I finished the comments about James's letter and began the 1st letter of Peter. Instead, on Sunday, after worship, I completed the teaching of the gospel of Mark and already started an introduction lesson to the Book of Hebrews.

Our general attendance runs around 43 (including those brethren that join us from home through Zoom).

At the end of December Antonella and I visited the brethren at Trieste and Monfalcone, where my brother in law Gianni Berdini is preaching. During that visit I preached for the Monfalcone church. It's been a wonderful opportunity to see so many brethren, that I know since a very long time.

TEACHING PROGRAM

SERMONS PRESENTED IN ROME

December 11, h. 10 AM: "Edifying my church" (Matthew 16:16-23)"

December 18, h. 10 AM: "The Antioch church (Acts 11)"

December 25, h. 10 AM: "A N.T. model of church (Acts 13:1-4)"

January 1, 2023, h. 10 AM: Preaching of brother Amedeo

January 8, h. 10 AM: "The earthly journey of a Christian"

Thanks again for your patient fellowship in this work. All the brethren in Rome salute you and send their best love and greetings.

Antonella, Valeria and Paolo send their good wishes. God may continue to bless us in His Kingdom. Be safe and stay well in Him.

"They of Italy salute you".

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