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NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)

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Dear brethren in Him,
my wife Antonella and I hope to find all of you doing fine, in good spiritual and physical health. We would like to express our deep thankfulness for all that you're doing in supporting us, to give us the privilege to make possible our preaching of the gospel also here in Rome, a difficult field so much impregnated by human paganism and false religious traditionalism; we are surrounded by all this day by day that often we feel helpless. In such a moment, more than ever, we trust in the power of the Word, able to modify wrong convictions giving a new hope of a better life. For this we keep on going on and on trying to do our best in reaching as many as possible, and bringing them to the Lord's message.

PERSONAL NEWS. We're doing fine. We recently made our regular medical check and tests, and all is going properly. Our daughter Valeria and her family are also doing well. Our three grandchildren (Alessandro 8 1/2 years, Alice 7, Samuele 3 1/2) are fine now enjoying the vacation time out of school. We have more time to be around them and this is a real joy for us. They are growing too fast though!

Our son Paolo is also doing very well, real busy with his flight assistant job at Milan with the Easyjet Aircraft Company. These are months in which tourism is crowded and at the top level and you can imagine how heavy is the flight business, after almost three years of pandemic times. Maybe he will be soon back to Rome for few days.

LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY. Our local preaching work is busy, trying to work to external and internal needs of it. Sometimes jump up local problems to solve, as in all "normal" churches, but problems also bring maturity in the process of solving them.

We met again as local church to plan the immediate activities and works that must be done at the best of our possibilities. We're defining the detail of next public gospel meeting at the beginning of October, programming the Bible studies and organizing the children's classes.

I just began studying with a woman from Romania (Gabriela), religiously orthodox, a friend of our brother Maurizio; she has just a summary knowledge of the Bible. We will meet on Friday afternoon, beginning to give a general overlook to Old Testament, then passing to the gospel of Luke and Acts. She seems to have a good attitude so far.

I'm also in the process to begin studying with another woman, friend of our sister Grazia, who is studying since years with the Jehovah's Witnesses. I made the very beginning contact, waiting to make the first meeting.

I'm always weekly involved in my personal Bible studies program with Maurizio, Michel, Luca, Clelia, Paoliana, Pierpaolo, Amedeo, and Grazia.

On Thursday evening, I'm beginning the reading and comment of the book of Jude, after finishing John's letters.

On Sunday, after the worship, I completed the teaching on the book of Hebrews, and for some Sundays I will speak about "Divorce and second marriages" according the Bible teaching; a very delicate topic especially in the times that we're living in our society, where there is a lot of confusion and liberal thinking.

Our general attendance runs around 45 (including those brethren that still join us at distance through Zoom).

TEACHING PROGRAM

SERMONS PRESENTED IN ROME

June 18, h. 10 AM: *"The parable of the 10 virgins" (Matthew 25:1-13)*

June 25, h. 10 AM: Preaching of brother Michel

July 2, h. 10 AM: Preaching of brother Amedeo

July 9, h. 10 AM: *"Priorities into a local church"*

WEEKLY BIBLE CLASSES

With Maurizio > each Monday h. 2.30 PM: "Minor prophets".

With Clelia > each Saturday h. 12 AM: "The gospel of Luke".

With Luca > each Tuesday h. 7 PM: "Isaiah"

With Michel > each Friday h. 8 PM: "Work of the preacher"

With Grazia > each Thursday h. 5.30 PM: "The gospel of Luke"

With Paoliana > each Wednesday h. 6 PM: "Gospel of John"

With Pierpaolo > each Thursday h. 12 AM: "How we get the New Testament."

With Amedeo > each Monday h. 9 PM: "Old Testament Survey"

VISITORS FROM U.S. CHURCHES. We had the joy to meet several visitors coming from US churches and we like to list their names. **Jay, Lauren, Blake, Kensington Sheffer** (Atlanta, GA); **Adam, Lindsay & Grayson Delk**, (Katy, TX); **Lucas, Stephanie, Tasna, Josi Slavey** (Bowling Green, KY); **David Creech**, (Murfreesboro, TN); **Stacy, Connie & Molly Lamb** (Bowling Green, KY); **Ryan & Lauren Turney** (Bowling Green, KY). We thank all those brethren for their participation and encouraging visit.

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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