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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 you in good spiritual and physical health. We would like to share with you our sincere feelings of gratefulness for your fellowship in Christ, that makes possible our announcing of the gospel also in a city as Rome, the Capital of Bible ignorance and modern paganism. Every day we deal with all that and often we feel impotent and frustrated by the general spiritual indifference that is a great obstacle to our preaching. However, we trust in the power of the gospel to change what seems unchangeable. We'll do our best in putting all our energies in keeping on this important job.

***PERSONAL NEWS.*** We're doing pretty good. Our medical checks are fine, and all seems under good control. Our daughter Valeria and her family are also doing well. Our three wonderful grandchildren (Alessandro 8 1/2 years, Alice 7, Samuele 3 1/2) are growing well and healthy. They are still enjoying their summer vacation time, waiting for September 12, when school will start. We have more time to be around them trying to be of some help.

Our son Paolo is also doing OK, real busy with his flight assistant job at Milan with the EasyJet Aircraft Company. Maybe he will be able to visit us by the end of August for few days. It will be good for the kids. We are also thinking about going up there to spend some time with him. We'll see.

***LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY.*** Our local preaching work is going fine: busy and active. There're some internal small problems that need to be solved, as in all "normal churches", I guess. I learned in years that after some "black clouds", always comes the blue sky, and churches get stronger than before. These are moments of trial and opportunity to show and prof the real value of the group. To keep unity, brotherly love, and growth, sometimes are required some extra efforts and a lot of patience. These are precious moment of maturity.

I'm working to prepare our next gospel meeting, scheduled by the first week of October. We'll cover a very good size of the city with big posters and special advertisement spots, trying to inform and invite as many as possible to the meeting. The topic will be: "HOW TO BE CHRISTIANS TODAY"; I will take care of its preaching. We're also working in programming the local Bible studies for children and college students.

I'm continuing to study with Gabriela, a woman from Romania, religiously Greek orthodox. We're making a general overview of Old Testament history, waiting to start the reading

and comment of the gospel of Luke. She also begun attending to our services on Sunday and this is good for her growth and knowledge of our people. She is having good attitude and interest. The work will be long and scrupulous but we're ready to do our best.

I did not start studying yet with our sister Grazia's friend (who is studying with Jehovah Witnesses), because she is having heavy problems in the family that need all her attention. Sooner or later, I will start meeting also with her.

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 completed the book of Jude. We should start the study of one of the four gospels.

On Sunday, after the worship, I completed the study on "Divorce and second marriages" and I will start several lessons on the "Holy Spirit", touching all the delicate questions related to such a subject.

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

## ***TEACHING PROGRAM***

### **SERMONS PRESENTED IN ROME**

June 16, h. 10 AM: *"The right communication within a local church"*

June 23, h. 10 AM: *"Unity through humbleness"*

July 30, h. 10 AM: Preaching of brother Amedeo

August 6, h. 10 AM: *"Leaders in a local church (Hebrews 13:7, 17)"*

### **WEEKLY BIBLE CLASSES**

With Maurizio and Gabriela > each Friday h. 16 PM: *"Old Testament Survey"*.

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 Friday h. 10 AM: *"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. **Ramon, Milena, Anthony, Brianna, Mateo Meza** (High Point, NC); **Deborah & Sarah Coleman** (Pikeville, KY); **Tommy & Emilee Bauersmith** (Cape Girardeau, MO). We thank all those brethren for their good visit and encouraging presence.

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".***

*Stefano Corazza*

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