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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 doing fine in every blessing. We're living an extraordinary and critical time of life and history, but we're confident that our common faith in Him will help us to come out more than "winners". We'd like to share with you our deepest feelings of thankfulness for everything that you are doing in our behalf, giving us the privilege to preach the gospel also in Rome, a city which represents the sad concentration of religious human traditions and false teachings. Even in this delicate moment, it seems that mankind does not want to learn from nature the importance of searching for the true God.

***PERSONAL NEWS.*** Thanking God, we're still doing well. Valeria's family is OK, including our three grandchildren: Alessandro (6), Alice (4) and Samuele (1 year). They are a joy and a moment of happiness for all the family. Our son Paolo is also doing OK. Though, his job situation didn't get any better. He left his apartment by Venice and came back to stay with us. He will stay down here until next March, hoping that after this period of time EasyJet Aircraft company will call him back to work. Up to now, he does not have any news by the company.

***CORONAVIRUS SITUATION IN ITALY.*** The pandemic situation here is still very serious and dangerous. Actually, we're back to lock down and only few activities are available. The major risk areas are still public transportations, schools, cinema, restaurants, theaters, people aggregation even in family surrounding. This week came the first vaccines and few ones begun the therapy. We all hope for good out of that, even though everything seems to go too fast.

The economic situation continues to be another big problem. Many are losing jobs or having a substantial reduction of incomes. Some among our brethren are living this sad reality.

***OUR LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY.*** Besides the heavy context, we're doing well, trying to do what we can to bring forth our preaching work. Few weeks ago we enjoy another baptism, Veronica. A young woman, with three children, that begun studying with us since several years. She had a strong opposition by her husband, who prohibited her to see and study with us. Well, after all that (and many more), she finally decided to obey to the Lord, with the joy of all of us. Especially the family of Marco Di Martino stayed

very close to her since she was living in Ciampino at the time of first approaches. Marco and his mother Benedetta begun talking and then studying with her. I also had the opportunity several times to study with her. Her husband seems to have accepted this new changing but we'll see in the immediate future the developments of it.

I'm still continuing the personal studying with Gianluca, Stefania, Maurizio, Michel, Luca. Some of the young ones are delivering good sermons and teachings and we are all glad about them.

However, we are back to see one another by Zoom. The meeting place is closed again, and we still do not know when will be possible to use it again.

Thanking God, my financial situation did not have changings, and we thank you for your generosity. If you need a more detailed financial picture, let me know and I'll send you the necessary information.

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 patience and close 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*