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## **NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)**

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Dear brothers and sisters in Him,

my wife Antonella and I hope to find each one of you doing fine in every material and spiritual blessing. We'd like to share with you our deepest feelings of thankfulness for all you're doing for us, making possible the preaching of the gospel also in Rome, Capital of human religiosity, traditions and false Bible teachings. In spite of our difficult religious and also social background, we're trying what we can to reach as many as possible, bringing them to the Lord.

**PERSONAL NEWS.** Thanking God, we're still doing well, notwithstanding the severe situation with Covid 19. Our daughter Valeria and her family are doing OK, including our three grandchildren: Alessandro (6), Alice (4) and Samuele (15 months). We must be very careful with them since many new virus cases start in the schooling system. Especially the new "English variation" of the Covid is hitting also younger people.

Our son Paolo is also OK. He's staying at home with us, waiting to catch back his job with *Easy Jet Aircraft Company*, hopefully by next April. All the tourism market is completely down and there is a high risk for him even to lose the job. The immediate future will picture the real situation.

**CORONAVIRUS SITUATION IN ITALY.** The pandemic situation over here is getting worse instead of getting better. The variations of the virus seem to be more aggressive and contagious and the whole Country is getting closer to another big lock down. The vaccine campaign begun but slowly and among many problems. Shots available are few and delayed and most people are still waiting to get a right protection. I still don't know when I'll be able to get a valid vaccine.

The economic situation continues to be very critical for many people, also among our brethren. The worst thought is that we don't see any close or immediate solution to the whole problem. The whole context seems unreal!

**LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY.** Beyond all this, we're doing well, trying to do what is possible to maintain alive our preaching activities. Obviously is not easy, but we must strive to be active and hopeful.

Even if at distance, through Zoom, I'm keeping on the weekly personal studying with Gianluca, Stefania, Maurizio, Michel, Luca. I'm very pleased by the growth of those young people since they will be part of the next generation with the responsibility to carry on the Lord's work here in Rome.

The major subjects for my teachings and sermons try to offer encouragement and good judgement to manage the present situation. Faithfulness to God must be the principal focus of our attention and decisions.

Considering the actual pandemic reality, we can't still use our meeting place, for worship or Bible classes. We're still seeing one another through Zoom app. On Thursday evening mid-week Bible class, I'm still teaching from Galatians.

Actually, with the aggravation of Covid's situation, we still do not have any idea of when will be able to use again our meeting place. Will see.

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

I close now, hoping and praying that we may all learn from this heavy experience, appreciating more and more the great blessings that we all share in Christ, that make possible our further ahead vision and hope of real life.

Thanks again for your patience and faithful 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