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

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Dear brethren in Him,  
my wife Antonella and I hope to find each one of you doing in good physical and spiritual health. We would like to share with you our sincere feeling of gratefulness for all that you are doing in making possible the preaching of the gospel also in a difficult city as Rome, the world center of modern paganism and human “religious” traditionalism. Anyway, also if being daily surrounded by Bible ignorance and strong materialism, we are trying to give our best in spreading out God’s Word, hoping to find good heart that through it are looking for truth.

***PERSONAL NEWS.*** We are doing fine, always thanking God for His good Providence. Also our daughter’s family is doing fine in all things. Our grandchildren (Alessandro 9 years old, Alice 7, Samuele 4) are growing well with the joy and support of all the family. Antonella and I are trying to give our help in managing the daily situations that need attention and encouragement. It’s just grandparent’s job!

Our son Paolo is also doing well. He came down recently to spend a week with us and we enjoyed his staying around.

***LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY.*** Our local preaching work is active and encouraging. We are always working in realizing programs and initiatives that we decided to accomplish. The congregation is continuing to live a time of spiritual growth, unity, participation, and all this is obviously a source of vital strengthening for all.

Recently we enjoyed the baptism of Giuseppina, the lady with whom I started to study personally some four months ago. She decided to become a Christian with sincerity and solid conviction. Nevertheless, we’re continuing our weekly studying together since she must learn many more things to realize her necessary growth. Her conversion has been a great and important joy for the church.

Brother Amedeo decided to start a new local work where he lives in Rocca Priora (about 40 miles from Rome), beginning with the people that he already contacted in his personal preaching. Obviously, we’ll be close to him in all things that he may need. We hope and pray that he made a wise and right choice, considering the great difficulties to start a work from a really scratch. He saluted the church with affection and good feelings. We wish him to bring good fruit to the Lord.

Due to Amedeo’s choice, I must rearrange the Bible study groups program that we started. Brother Michel and I will have to review the general schedule and composition of the

groups. We're working on this and hope to make a productive work. The main purpose of those studies remains the learning, growing, and the opportunity to build a better knowledge with one another.

I'm also continuing the fundamental work of personal Bible studies with some brethren and with the contacts that we have. I'm weekly busy in the personal Bible studies with Maurizio, Giuseppina, Michel, Luca, Pierpaolo, and Grazia. This is another important effort of my local activity: we need to build up next generations of Christians that may be able to continue this local work, started by my father Alessandro back to 1957.

For our mid-class study on Wednesday evening, I am continuing to comment the gospel of Matthew: we completed chapter 15.

On Sunday, after the worship, I completed the teaching on *"The Seven churches of Revelation"*, and now I'm dedicating attention to the important chapter 14 of Romans, to discuss the precarious relation between doctrine and personal choices or opinions.

Our general attendance runs around 36 (including those brethren that still join us at distance through Zoom).

## **TEACHING PROGRAM**

### **SERMONS PRESENTED IN ROME**

March 17, h. 10 AM: *"Parable of hidden treasure and pearl (Matthew 13)"*

March 24, h. 10 AM: *"Parable of the vine and branches (John 15:1.8)"*

March 31, h. 10 AM: *"Parable of workers in different hour (Matthew 20:1-16)"*

April 7, h. 10 AM: *"Parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)"*

### **WEEKLY BIBLE CLASSES**

With Maurizio and Giuseppina > each Monday h. 15 PM: *"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. 6.30 PM: *"Gospel of Luke"*

With Pierpaolo > each Thursday h. 12 AM: *"Book of Exodus"*

**VISITORS FROM U.S. CHURCHES.** We enjoyed the visit of several brethren from US. And we like to mention them. Steve & Meredith Sink (Irondale, AL); Randy & Robin Sink (Chesterton, IN); the group of Leon Molden made of 58 people coming from different US locations. After the Bible class on Wednesday evening, in which brother David Thomley spoke, and after singing in Italian and English, we spent the dinner all together in a close restaurant. It's been a real moment of happiness and good fellowship. All together we were about 80 ones.

Thanks again for your encouraging fellowship in this work. All the brethren in Rome salute you, sending their best 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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