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NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)

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Dear brethren in Christ,
my wife Antonella and I hope to find all of you doing fine in everything. We wish to remind you our true feelings of thankfulness for what you are doing in our behalf, to give us month by month the possibility to preach the gospel also in a hard field as Rome, the Capital of modern paganism and human traditionalism. In spite of this reality, we are keeping on doing our best in speaking up God's Word. We certainly hope to find those ones willing to know more about the Bible and practicing God's Will.

PERSONAL NEWS. We are all doing fine, thanking God. At our age we are forced to have regular medical checking out, but so far all is under fair control. Also our daughter's family is doing well. Our grandchildren (Alessandro 9 years old, Alice 8, Samuele 4) are growing well, in good health, with the joy of all the family. Obviously, as grandparents, we try to give an help to those practical things that are daily required. We thank God to have strength and capacity to accomplish to all our duties.

Our son Paolo is also doing well. He's very busy in this coming summer vacation time with his job with Easy Jet aircraft company and we don't see him as often as we would like.

LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY. Our local preaching activities are doing fine. We are busy in several directions, trying to focus on the brethren edification and the influence to the external opportunity that we're having.

In this period, we're having several young girls coming from China (sometimes even 15 ones) that attends to our Sunday worship. They say to have been religiously persecuted in their Country, so they flee away from it. I don't know exactly what kind of religious background they have since communication with them is really complicated; they don't speak yet any Italian or English word. Probably they had some kind of Evangelical influence, typical of such a situation, and I am trying my best to help in what I can in this context. I hope to have a better conversation with them in future.

I'm continuing to study personally with Giuseppina, the new baptized one. She has still many things to learn and understand but her good willingness is helping our studies. She comes from a Catholic background, as you may imagine, and many subjects are influenced by the critic of Catholicism through the Bible.

I am rearranging the Bible study groups program that we started. The general purpose of those studies is learning, spiritual growing, have opportunities to know better one another. I'm sure to see in future good fruit out of this sharing together.

I'm also continuing the fundamental work of personal Bible studies with some brethren and with the contacts that we have. I'm always weekly studying with Maurizio, Giuseppina, Michel, Luca, Pierpaolo, and Grazia. This is another important side of my local efforts: to build up next generations of Christians able to carry on 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 17.

On Sunday, after the worship, I completed the teaching on the important chapter 14 of Romans and started the teaching of Acts of Apostles. Once in a while we need to go back to the N.T. model for the church, to avoid confusions and wrong ideas on the nature and work of a congregation.

Our general attendance runs around 42 (including the few brethren that still join us at distance through Zoom).

TEACHING PROGRAM

SERMONS PRESENTED IN ROME

April 14, h. 10 AM: *"Parable of the lost sheep (Luke 15:1-7)"*

April 21, h. 10 AM: *"Parable of the rich fool (Luke 12:13-21)"*

April 28, h. 10 AM: *"Parable of the house on the rock (Luke 6:43-49)"*

May 5, h. 10 AM: *"Fishers of men (Luke 5:1-11)"*

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 remind them. **Trinidad Santiago** (New York, NY); **Gail Penneck** (Middleburg, VT); **Stephen Penrock** (Middleburg, VT); **Tanya Millican** (Beckville, TX); **Jeff and Sonya Winburn** (Acworth, GA); **Mark & Jodi Moses** (Spring Hill, TN); **Gailen & Vickie Evans**

(Ventura, CA); **Charman Evans** (Ventura, CA); **Chris Cagle** (Athens, AL); **Seth Bills** (Tallmadge, OH); **Luke & Christina Heard** (Temple Terrace, FL). We thank those brethren for their encouraging visit among us.

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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