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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 just fine in God's blessings. We would like to share with you our sincere feelings of gratefulness for all that you're doing to make possible our preaching of the gospel also in Rome, the Capital of false religious teaching and human traditions. Especially in these days, of Christmas "religious" festivities, all this is more and more evident, showing the sad reality of biblical ignorance and power of material traditionalism. Today is the National feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception, and you can just imagine the absurd teachings that we heard. It's a real difficult time of the year for Christmas here. In spite of all that, we will keep on trying to influence people - not with Christmas gifts - but through God's Word, which is the only gift of wisdom and redemption.

**PERSONAL NEWS.** Our family is doing pretty well. Our daughter Valeria and her family are doing well and our three grandchildren (Alessandro almost 9 years old, Alice 7 1/2, Samuele 4) are growing healthy in all things. We try to help managing the kids as much as we can, which is a joy for us.

Our son Paolo is also doing fine. We will spend some days with him, visiting him up to Milan. We'll have a good time together.

**LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY.** Our local preaching efforts are going on fine. We are trying to realize the projects and activities that we decided all together. The unity and strength of the congregation are our priority and things are going better and better.

I'm working to the schedule of the Bible study groups in homes, and all seems to work fine. Amedeo, Michel and I will take care of the main teaching. We're meeting to organize the same proper subjects of teach within the groups. At the beginning there're some priority argument that we must focus in all the three groups. It's a good challenge and opportunity to grow and know each other better.

I'm always continuing the important effort of personal Bible studies with some brethren and contacts that we have. I'm still studying with Giuseppina, a 50 years old woman that is searching for Truth in comparison to the Catholic teaching received. We are reading and commenting the gospel of Luke and she's showing and encouraging interest.

I'm also involved in the weekly personal Bible studies program with Maurizio, Michel, Luca, Pierpaolo, Amedeo, and Grazia. I think that this is very important for the general growth of the congregation.

For our mid-class study on Wednesday evening, I am continuing to comment the gospel of Mathew: we already reached chapter 10.

On Sunday, after the worship, I completed the lessons on "How to establish Bible authority for the things that we teach and do" and begun a study on *"The last week of Jesus in Jerusalem"*, analyzing his last daily teaching and relevant facts.

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

## **TEACHING PROGRAM**

## SERMONS PRESENTED IN ROME

November12, h. 10 AM: "Method of understanding the Scripture"

November 19, h. 10 AM: "Introduction to the parables of Jesus"

November 26, h. 10 AM: "Parable of the sower"

December 3, h. 10 AM: Preaching of brother Amedeo

## 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. 5.30 PM: "Gospel of Luke"

With Pierpaolo > each Thursday h. 12 AM: "Old Testament Survey"

With Amedeo > each Wednesday h. 10.30 AM: "New Testament pattern"

VISITORS FROM U.S. CHURCHES. We had the joy to meet some visitors coming from US churches and we'd like to list their names. Elizabeth & Francisco Flores (Hammond, IN); Andrea & Morgan Haywal (Chancastles, TX); David Creech (Murfreesboro, YN); Julins, Teressa, Nathaniel & Geonna Tolenfind (Crown Bench Circle Elkgrove, CA). We sincerely thank those brethren for their visit and strong encouraging.

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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