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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 every God's blessing. We would like to express our deep feelings of thankfulness for the support that you're giving us which allows us to preach the gospel also in a difficult city as Rome, Capital of false human religiosity and vain traditions. Materialism and general spiritual indifference make our preaching efforts even harder and harder. However, we will continue to speak up about the gospel, hoping to find honest and good hearts, willing to obey to God's Word.

PERSONAL NEWS. Thanking God, all our family is doing very well. Our daughter Valeria and her family are doing well; our three grandchildren (Alessandro 9 years old, Alice 7, Samuele 4) are growing well in all things. We try to help Valeria managing the kids as much as we can, which is a real job but also a true joy for us.

Our son Paolo is also doing OK. He should be visiting us for just few days, coming tomorrow.

LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY. Our local preaching activity is moving on fine. We have several programs and ideas that we need to realize, and we're working together in this direction. After a moment of internal discussions, problems have been cleared and solved: the unity of the church has been preserved and strengthened. This our principal duty and goal to achieve, as group of Christians. Sometimes difficulties come – and this is certainly “normal” among human beings – but important is to be prepared to defend the Truth and the integrity of the congregation.

I'm still working to organize a good schedule of Bible study groups in homes, and we're almost ready to start. I hope that such a program will create a better knowledge of the Scriptures and of the brethren. Amedeo, Michel and I will be responsible of the general teachings. I think that it will be a good opportunity of common growth.

I'm keeping on the important work of personal Bible studies with some brethren and contacts that we have. I'm studying with Giuseppina, a 50 year old woman that is searching for Truth. She has obviously many questions about Catholic teachings, and I'm trying to answer and explain to her in a simple way the differences between the Bible and the Vatican. Up to now our discussions go well, surrounded by good interest.

I'm still involved in the weekly personal Bible studies with Maurizio, Michel, Luca, Pierpaolo, Amedeo, and Grazia. I think that this is very important to build up next generation of Christians, able to continue the work done so far.

For our mid-class study on Wednesday evening, I am continuing to comment the gospel of Matthew: we reached chapter 12.

On Sunday, after the worship, I completed the lessons on *"The last week of Jesus in Jerusalem"*, and now ready to start the book of Acts.

Our general attendance runs around 38 (including those brethren that still join us at distance through Zoom).

TEACHING PROGRAM

SERMONS PRESENTED IN ROME

December 10, h. 10 AM: *"Parable of the two debtors"*

December 17, h. 10 AM: *"Parable of the two houses"*

December 24, h. 10 AM: *"Parable of the prodigal son"*

December 31, h. 10 AM: Preaching of brother Amedeo

January 7, h. 10 AM: *"Parable of the pharisee and publican"*

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. **Aaron, Carly, Addie & Sylvia Cope** (Springfield, VA); **Steve, Janet, Lauren & Katelyn Ledford** (Jersey City, NJ). We sincerely thank those brethren for their visit and strong encouraging.

We're looking forward to enjoy again the visit of brother David Thomley among us. He will be coming in Rome January 16-17 and will preach for our midweek class on Wednesday evening. His visit will be of great encouragement for all of 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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