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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 in good physical and spiritual health, enjoying every God's blessing. We would like to share with you our sincere feelings of thankfulness for all that you're doing in our behalf, to make possible the preaching of the Truth also in a pagan city as Rome, so much influence by wrong teachings and traditions. We're trying our best in reaching out people that are searching for Truth through the gospel. Someday our goals seem an impossible mission, but our duty is to spread out the word in spite of the evident indifference of the majority ones.

PERSONAL NEWS. Thanking God's mercy, we and our family are all doing well. Our grandchildren (Alessandro almost 10 years old, Alice 8, Samuele almost 6) are growing well, but too fast! This week they started their school year and so they are busy in doing many activities. Antonella and I are always available to help, as much possible, being of some encouragement.

Our son Paolo came down to Rome spending almost a week with us. We enjoy all together his birthday having a real good time. He's back to his work in Milan. His company (Easy Jet) is opening new hubs here in Rome's airport and he will try to catch the opportunity that will come to come back. It's not easy at all but is worthy trying.

LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY. Our local work is moving on at the best we can. I'm particularly concentrated to the general growth and maturity of the brethren, trying to be always available for study or extra meetings.

We still have some of the Chinese group of girls attending to our services. Some are moving around Italy where opportunity of job is more favorable. Communication is still the main problem but slowly we're having a better understanding.

I'm always particularly involved in the important activity of personal studies with some brethren and contacts that we have. I'm still regularly studying with Maurizio, Giusi, Michel, Luca, Pierpaolo, and Grazia. I am very pleased by their participation and good willingness to go in a deeper knowledge about the Word. We badly need to build up the new generation of Christians, making progress and doing God's things possibly better than what we have done.

For our mid-class study on Wednesday evening, I am continuing to comment the gospel of Matthew: we completed chapter 23 and still studying the delicate chapter 24th, so much mistreated along the years.

On Sunday, after the worship, I started the teaching of the book of Acts, with the main goal to go back to the N.T. pattern for the church. We need clear concepts about the nature, doctrine, and work of a congregation that decided to follow the New Testament model. We already reached chapter 10.

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

TEACHING PROGRAM

SERMONS PRESENTED IN ROME

August 11, h. 10 AM: *"Haggai: the resurrection"*

August 18, h. 10 AM: preaching of brother Michel

August 25, h. 10 AM: *"Eternal youth: 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1-10"*

September 1, h. 10 AM: *"The spirit of Christ: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16"*

September 8, h. 10 AM: preaching of brother Michel

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 Monday h. 6.30 PM: *"Gospel of Luke"*

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

FINANCIAL NEWS AND FUTURE CHANGING. I just received a letter from the Eastside Church in Bowling Green, KY, announcing their impossibility to continue to support my work. I thank them publicly for their patience, trusting fellowship and encouragement. The loss of support from them (\$ 510) will be effective from January 2025. Obviously, I hope to replace it as soon as possible, but I trust in the Lord's providence to solve all this.

Thanks again for your faithful fellowship in this work. We will be always in debt with you all. The brethren in Rome salute you, sending their best greetings and love.

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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