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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 enjoying every material and spiritual blessing. As always, we would like to share with you our sincere feelings of thankfulness for all that you are doing in our behalf, allowing us the opportunity to preach and live by the gospel in a pagan city as Rome. Every day we are overcome by false teaching, human religious tradition, no interest for the Bible, deep spiritual indifference. Notwithstanding all that, we're doing what we can to spread out the Word hoping to bring as many as possible to the Lord.

PERSONAL NEWS. Thanking God, we and our family are doing just fine. Our grandchildren (Alessandro 10 years old, Alice 8, Samuele 5) are going well, always busy with their school and sport activities. Antonella and I are daily doing the grandparents job trying to be of some help in some ways. We're happy and blessed to do it! Valeria begun working in a nursery school and needs it.

Our son Paolo is also doing well in Milan with his job. We hope to see him in a short time, according to his schedule.

LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY. Our local preaching work is proceeding fine. As I already wrote, my special attention and effort are directed to the brethren spiritual growth, trying to increase their personal involvement and responsibility. Such a service is very important for the unity and the fruit of our congregation.

Past month I begun a special class on Sunday with the several Chinese contacts that are attending our church. Most of them are girls but now I can teach also to three young men. I want to know what they think about fundamental Bible teaching, what is their religious background and stories that brought them to live here in Rome. So far, the studies are moving well, but slowly due to the language problem. We communicate through translator apps. We also found a useful Bible translation that has Chinese on a page and Italian on the other. It's easier for them to follow the passages, and maybe learn some Italian. Actually the main subject is how to become Christians according the NT pattern. Their attitude is very encouraging and positive, but I obviously need more time and patience to have a better understanding of the general situation.

I'm always involved in the weekly personal studies with some brethren and contacts that I have. I'm studying with Maurizio, Giusi, Michel, Luca, Pierpaolo, and Grazia. I am really pleased by their good attitude and participation that show their true interest in God's knowledge.

For our mid-class study on Wednesday evening, I am still preaching through the gospel of Matthew: we completed chapter 25.

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

TEACHING PROGRAM

SERMONS PRESENTED IN ROME

October 13, h. 10 AM: *"Children of the Light"*

October 20, h. 10 AM: *"Changing mind (Isaiah 35)"*

October 27, h. 10 AM: *"Perfection (Hebrews 11:40 - 12:1-6)"*

November 3, h. 10 AM: *"Gift and power of the gospel (Romans 1:16)"*

November 10, h. 10 AM: *"Life or death (Deuteronomy 30:11-29)"*

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"*

VISITORS FROM U.S. CHURCHES. Recently we had the joy to be visited by several brethren from US, passing through Rome, and we like to mention them. From the "Rome Group 2024": **Craig & Tami Bean** (Mt. Pleasant, WI); Natalie Wilson, Katy Monan; Emalie Jones; Mark Harper; Timothy Zinsky; U. Dutton; William Bean; Hallie Hall; Christopher Burher; Juliana Lyle; Rachel Stringer; Mikan & Sean Bray; Stephanie Kittleson; Anna Stringer; Ty Dutton; Andre Hall. Other visitors: **Terri Ward** (Ventura, CA); **Chandler & Landon Wright** (Garland, TX); Mark & Judy Davis (San Antonio, TX). We thank those brethren for their encouragement and fellowship.

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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