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NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)

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Dear brethren in the Lord,
we hope to find each one of you doing fine in every blessing. We'd like to express our sincere feeling of gratefulness for being able to preach the gospel also in Rome, through your trust and support. Your participation in the progress of the gospel in Rome encourages us to do our best in reaching as many as we can to Christ. We are working in a very difficult field. Our society is critically surrounded by deep Bible ignorance, superstition, and human traditions that bring people too far from the gospel. We are though confident in finding good hearts in the midst of so many hindrances.

PERSONAL NEWS. We're all enjoying of every material and spiritual health. Our grandson, Alessandro, is now almost 6 months old and growing in all things. He's a real joy for all the family. Our daughter Valeria is daily extremely busy with him but really happy and satisfied. Our son Paolo is still living and working at Bologna for Ryan Air aircraft. He decided to start making the first steps to get a pilot license. It will be a long job but he's determinate to go ahead.

My dad Sandro (in February turned 89 years old) is doing well, notwithstanding the feebleness of his age. He still does his translation works but obviously slowing down. He's also busy in taking care of my mother. We just sent all his translated works to the church in **Paternò** (Sicily) and we hope to have an opportunity to know them a little better. He did a tremendous work in the commentary set. My mother Elisabetta (87 years old next August) is making little progress but substantially still needs daily cares, being often in bed.

PREACHING EFFORTS IN ROME. The local work is going very well and I'm pleased for its positive developments. It's a good time of unity and sharing edification.

The new baptized, **Gianluca** (Marco Di Martino older brother) is the one that is showing the best fruit of his conversion. I'm beginning to study with him Ephesians. His wife Cristina is always present at our services and we hope to enjoy soon her conversion too.

My personal and individual weekly Bible classes are continuing well. With **Alessia Rossi** I'm studying the Epistle to Hebrews. On Tuesday night I'm studying with **Amedeo** and his wife **Sonia** the book of Acts. They are growing well. I'm also study on Thursday afternoon with **Paoliana** (Amedeo's sister).

After two years, **Pierpaolo** came back asking for our forgiveness and is attending again our services and work. He's a man with evident mental diseases and we need to be patient and merciful with him.

I'm continuing to study and work along with Marco, especially in this moment in which he's trying to open a new local work in **Ciampino**. He needs encouragement and good advices to start well. We are still in search of a meeting place to rent and start. We found one but the owner did not want to give it to a "non Catholic church" people. It's been really sad but we'll keep on looking for something suitable with our purposes. The church in **Alessandria**, where he spent a couple of days, invited Marco for his preaching. The experience has been very positive and useful for him. We'll try to help that young and small church with occasional visits along the year.

On Sunday worship, I deliver sermons putting strong emphasis on personal work, hospitality, and mutual service. After the worship, and for two months, we'll dedicate ourselves to the learning of new songs, trying to improve our public singing.

During the mid-week class I began the reading/comment of the gospel of John. The brethren are offering participation and good interest.

Our general average attendance is about 36, with a good number of new contacts and visitors.

VISITING OF BRETHERN FROM U.S. We had several ones that attended to our Sunday service. It's always a wonderful occasion to share our common faith. They are: **Wesley White** (Albertville, AL); **Bruce & Melinda Hollander** (Arlington, TX); **Jim & Eva Rains** (Montgomery, TX); **Janie & Jennifer Reynolds** (Shallowater, TX); **Harold & Daye Edwards** (Killen, TX); **Leah & Marla Edwards** (Nashville, TN); **Dean & Dedi Edwards** (Magnolia, TX); **Julianne Renner** (Moscow, Idaho); **Kelsi Williams** (Memphis, TN); **Kayleigh Marshall** (Bakersvielle, CA); **Jaime Leonard** (Neosho, MO); **Anne Marie Williams** (Henderson TN); **Donald Shull** (Henderson, TN); **Victoria Maner** (Maryville, TN); **Taylor Rose Jerkins** (Pulasky, TN). We also had the joy to see again brother **David Thomley** who spent a week among us. His encouragement and presence is always of great encouragement for all of us.

God may continue to bless you in all things. Thanks again for your sensitive confidence that make possible our common fellowship in this work. The brethren in Rome send their greetings.

Antonella, Valeria & Paolo send their salutation and love.

"They of Italy salute you".

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