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NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)

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Dear brothers in Him,
my wife Antonella and I hope to find each one of you enjoying the wonderful God's blessings. We'd like to express our deepest feelings of thankfulness for all you're doing in our behalf, giving us the opportunity to announce the gospel also in a pagan city as Rome. Day by day we are surrounded by false spiritual teaching and human traditional philosophy. However, we'll not stop talking about the Truth, hoping to find good people in the midst of such a strong opposition.

PERSONAL NEWS. Always thanking God, we're still doing fine. Our daughter Valeria and her family are doing OK. Alessandro (6), Alice (5) and Samuele (20 months) are doing well and growing fine. To watch and observe them, is a daily blessing for all of us

Our son Paolo is also doing fine. He went back to Venice since the EasyJet Company for whom he works is back to have some international and national flights. The air traffic is not as it used to be, but at least is an encouraging re-opening. We'll see in the immediate future how it will develop.

CORONAVIRUS SITUATION IN ITALY. The COVID situation is much better than in the past and we're rapidly (even too fast!) going toward a "normal" life. A good part of people have been vaccinated and as consequence the general picture is good. We still have a minority of no-vaccine people that protest and refuse to follow the sanitary rules. So, there's a sort of confusing information about it. Anyway, a general attention is still highly demanded, especially considering the new coming "variations" of the primary virus.

On the same line, also the economic situation is doing a little better in many areas of productivity. Also in this realm, patience and attention are required to express a better judgement.

LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY. The local work is going on well, considering a still uncertain situation. We are again meeting into our building and our activities are well re-started. Some brethren, though, especially among the old ones, are still preferring to meet online but we're happy for what we're doing, remembering the past shutting in months. We must observe some security rules as dressing mask, checking temperature,

deterging hands, but after all it's OK. We have some visitors attending every Sunday and this is a strong encouragement for us.

I'm keeping up with the weekly personal classes with Gianluca, Stefania, Maurizio, Michel, Luca. Young brethren that are growing in knowledge and responsibility, building up a solid new generation of Christians.

On Thursday evening, during the mid-week Bible class, I concluded the study of Ephesians and I'm in the process to start the book of Philippians.

Our general attendance is about 45.

We're looking forward to seeing again, after this long lock down time, brother David Thomley (Rolling Hills Church of Christ, TN). August 1st he will visit us, spending some days with us and preaching for the occasion. We'll be really happy to share together our fellowship and long friendship in this preaching effort.

I close now, hoping and praying that we may continue to appreciate more and more all the blessings that we share in Christ.

Thanks again for your fundamental fellowship in such a work. All the brethren in Rome send their best love and greetings.

Antonella, Valeria and Paolo send their good wishes. God may continue to bless and keep us safe in His kingdom. Be safe and stay well in Him.

"They of Italy salute you".

Stefano Corazza