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NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)

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Dear brothers in Christ,
my wife Antonella and I hope to find all of you doing fine in God's blessings. We'd like to remind you our sincere feelings of gratefulness for what you're doing for us, allowing us to proclaim the power of the gospel also in Rome. In spite of the many difficulties to preach in this Country – so much influenced by materialism and false Bible teachings – we'll keep on spreading the Good News, hoping and praying to find good people before God.

PERSONAL NEWS. We're still doing fine, and so do our family. Our daughter Valeria and her family are OK. Alessandro (almost 7), Alice (5) and Samuele (20 months) are doing well and growing fine. They are a great blessing for all of us.

Our son Paolo is also doing fine. His job is not going as well as before COVID, and he's again back home with us at least for the entire month of August. He hopes to work more regularly beginning in September. His company (EasyJet Aircraft) is still in difficulty to catch back the flight business, so it needs less personnel. We'll see in the close future what it will be.

CORONAVIRUS SITUATION IN ITALY. The COVID situation is doing better than in the past but the Delta variation of virus is creating new contagious and problems. Beginning this month we need a so called Green Pass (that proves to be vaccinated) to be in indoor places (restaurant, Gym, Cinema, Theaters, flights...). The purpose is to convince the ones that are still against vaccines to change view and help our Society. Obviously, a continuous attention is highly recommended to face a possible "fourth wave" of the virus. It would be a tragedy.

LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY. The local work is going on fine. More and more brethren are joining us in the meeting place, leaving the Zoom connection. We still have to observe the security protocol. Almost everyone in the building is vaccinated, but we still are at distance, dressing masks, checking body temperature, cleaning attentions.

Besides our brethren, we have regularly some visitors attending to our worship, and this is a big encouragement for us.

I'm still taking care of the weekly personal classes with Gianluca, Stefania, Maurizio, Michel, Luca. I'm very pleased by these young ones, who show interest, participation and understanding in the studies.

On Thursday evening, during the mid-week Bible class, I concluded the study of Ephesians and I began the teaching of Philippians' Epistle.

Our general attendance is about 45 (also counting the ones that join us at distance).

August 1st, we had the joy to see again brother David Thomley (from Rolling Hill, TN), after almost two years. He preached for us encouraging the brethren. We also attended in the evening at the worship at Ciampino, where Marco Di Martino preaches, teaching also there. It's been a very good visit, and we hope to see him again in future.

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

Thanks again for your 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

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