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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 doing just fine in all material and spiritual blessing. We'd like to express our deep feeling of thankfulness for what you're doing to make possible our preaching of the gospel also in a city as Rome, so fully influenced by modern paganism and false teachings. In spite of such a reality, we're doing what we can to reach as many as possible to Bible knowledge. This is our goal and privilege.

PERSONAL NEWS. We're doing fine, and we take this opportunity to wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

Our daughter Valeria and her family are doing well. Our three grandchildren, Alessandro (7), Alice (5) and Samuele (2) are just fine, despise again the growing Corona-Virus contagious around. It's beginning to be "normal" doing swabs and doctor checking's, since their schools are full of new cases.

Our son Paolo is also fine. He's back to work but there's a strong probability that in future months he'll be moved to Milan (North-West of Italy) for work. It could be March or April. In case, he will have to find a location there, with all the problems of another moving. Will see in future.

CORONAVIRUS SITUATION IN ITALY. The situation of COVID is again really serious. The new variant, Omicron, is dangerous and more contagious than the previous one (Delta). Every day we reach between 150.000/200.000 new contagious range, with 150/200 deaths. We never had such a high number of new daily contagious neither at the beginning of the pandemic time! The Green Pass is now obligatory even to go at work. It seems that we can't get out from it. The security rules are getting stronger, with the obligatory use of special masks is also in open spaces. It's very sad.

LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY. Our local work activity is continuing, notwithstanding such a negative circumstance. We're still assembling in our meeting place, at the condition of keeping high attention to the security requirement, especially the use of FFP2 kind of mask for inside places. Obviously, we still have a good number of brethren participating at distance through Zoom.

During our assemblies, we still have some visitors attending to our worship with good interest and involvement. We're happy and encouraged by it.

I'm still taking care of the weekly personal classes with Gianluca, Stefania, Maurizio, Michel, Luca. We study online because of the delicate time. This group of young people is growing well, with participation and clear devotion. Such a work will be more visible and useful in years to come.

On Thursday evening, during the mid-week Bible class, I completed the teaching of the book of Colossians, and started the Introduction to 1 Thessalonians.

Our general attendance is about 40 (also counting the ones that join us online, at distance).

Last Sunday my brother in law, Gianni Berdini, who preaches at Trieste and Monfalcone (North east part of Italy), visited us for worship, delivering the sermon. We've been happy to share some time together with Gianni and his wife Pina.

SERMONS PRESENTED IN ROME

December 12, h. 10 AM: *"Orientation (Luke 12:13-21)"*

December 19, h. 10 AM: *"God is my strength (Hab. 3:17-19)"*

December 26, h. 10 AM: *"Life or Death (Deut. 30:11-29)"*

January, December 2, 10 AM: *"The Good Samaritan"* - preaching of Gianni Berdini

Thanks again for your precious 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 us in His kingdom. Be safe and stay well in Him.

"They of Italy salute you".

Stefano Corazza