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## ***NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)***

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Dear brethren in Christ,  
my wife Antonella and I hope to find all of you doing fine in all blessings. We would like to express with you our deep feelings of gratefulness for your fellowship and so the opportunity that you're giving us to preach the gospel also in a hard field as the city of Rome, Capital of modern paganism and human religious traditionalism. We're trying to do all we can to reach and bring as many as possible to the Truth, in spite of all that. It's difficult but we'll keep on hoping in God's wisdom and Providence to find good people interested in salvation.

***PERSONAL NEWS.*** Thanking God, we and our family are all doing fine. Our grandchildren (Alessandro 9 years old, Alice 8, Samuele 5) are growing well. Now is a summer vacation time from school and we are having more opportunities to be around them. Their school will start September 10.

Our son Paolo should soon be coming down to spend some days off from job with all of us, and obviously it will be a joy for us.

***LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY.*** Our local work is doing fine. We're pursuing the objectives that we decided to realize, and all is moving well. We are especially concentrated on the spiritual growth of the congregation, trying to lay down the necessary foundation for the years to come. We had some troubling moments in the recent past with local discipline (sometime necessary to apply) so now we need to find serenity and unity to continue the work at the best of our possibilities. The church reacted with great maturity and participation, and this is the first good fruit after the difficulties.

Some of the Chinese group of girls is still coming, less in number than before. I think to have understood (communication is still very difficult) that some of them moved somewhere else in Italy, finding job and residence. is continuing with the same difficulties of communication. We hope to be able to help them as much as we can.

July 28 I celebrated (first time in my life) a wedding ceremony: Giuseppina and Maurizio were married with a civil procedure. I had the opportunity to speak in front of many people (relatives, parents, friends) and talked about marriage before God, trying to explain that even a civil ceremony is "sacred" to Him. In Italy for majority of people the religious marriage is only into Catholic churches and in front of Catholic priests! Though, I had some good reactions from some of the presents, surely not used to such a view of the subject. It's been quite an experience for me.

I'm always continuing the important activity of personal studies with some brethren and contacts that we have. I'm still regularly weekly studying with Maurizio, Giuseppina, Michel, Luca, Pierpaolo, and Grazia. I am very encouraged by all this being persuaded that is the best way to grow in Bible understanding and personal knowledge. We strongly need to create a solid future generation of Christians, in order to continue the sound work done up to now by so many brethren and sisters of the past.

For our mid-class study on Wednesday evening, I am continuing to comment the gospel of Matthew: we completed chapter 22.

On Sunday, after the worship, I started the teaching of the book of Acts, with the main goal to go back to the N.T. pattern for the church. We need clear concepts about the nature, doctrine, and work of a congregation that decided to follow the New Testament model.

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

### ***TEACHING PROGRAM***

#### **SERMONS PRESENTED IN ROME**

July 14, h. 10 AM: *"Psalm 8"*

July 21, h. 10 AM: *"New hearts (Ezekiel 11:16-20)"*

July 28, h. 10 AM: *"Consecration (Romans 12:1-5)"*

August 4, h. 10 AM: *"Understanding key words in God's plan: Resurrection"*

#### **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"*

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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