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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 in doing fine in every God's blessing. Before anything, we would like to express our deep feelings of gratefulness for everything you're doing toward us, giving us the privilege to preach the Truth of the gospel also in a pagan city as Rome. We're daily surrounded by so many human teachings and false religious traditions that sometimes we have difficulties even to think how or where to start explaining the power of the gospel to such an indifferent people. However, we're keeping on hoping to reach as many as possible to the Lord.

PERSONAL NEWS. Through God's mercy, we and our family are doing fine. Our grandchildren (Alessandro almost 10 years old, Alice 8, Samuele almost 6) are proceeding well, very busy with their school activities. Antonella and I try always to be of some help in all this, especially now that Valeria begun working in a nursery school. Our grandparent's job needs extra time and patience!

Our son Paolo is also doing well in Milan with his job. We really hope that he will be able someday to move down to Rome, since there may be working opportunities to do it with his actual aircraft company.

LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY. Our local work is going on with good opportunities of preaching. My main interest is to do what I can to make the brethren grow in personal activity and responsibility. Mutual service is one of the fundamental goals for everyone within a local congregation.

Beginning this coming Sunday, I will start a study specifically directed to the Chinese group. After the worship I will try to understand the situation and so being of some help. One of them, Emilia, knows a little Italian and English and she could be the translator for the rest of the group. So far, they're showing good attitude and respect for what we teach and do. It is a real challenge and good opportunity of preaching to a large group of girls, plus two young men. All together are sometimes about 15 people. Brother Michel will teach the adult class after worship on the book of Acts.

I'm always particularly busy in the other important activity of personal studies with some brethren and contacts that we have. I'm still regularly studying with Maurizio, Giusi, Michel, Luca, Pierpaolo, and Grazia. I am really encouraged by their good will and genuine interest for a better knowledge of the Word. We all need to work with a long vision to the new generation of Christians, able to bring forth the work done in years and through many sacrifices.

For our mid-class study on Wednesday evening, I am still continuing the reading and comment of the gospel of Matthew: we completed chapter 24.

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

TEACHING PROGRAM

SERMONS PRESENTED IN ROME

September 15, h. 10 AM: Preaching of brother Michel

September 22, h. 10 AM: *"Learning from Universe (Psalm 19)"*

September 29, h. 10 AM: *"Becoming Christians according the N.T."*

October 6, h. 10 AM: *"Man and his intellect"*

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"*

VISITORS FROM U.S. CHURCHES. Recently we had the joy to be visited by some brethren from US, passing through Rome, and we like to mention them. **Shaler & Madison Grigsby** (Florence, AL); **Aaron & Rebecca Lovelace** (Washington, D.C.); **Mike & Brenda Miceli** (Fenton, MI); **Dylan & Yaloani Forrest** (Marrieta, CA); **Richard & Janet Battweiler** (Salem, OR); **Davis & Sharan Runner** (Keizer, OR). We thank those brethren for their encouragement and fellowship.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND FUTURE CHANGING. I just want to update my financial situation., since I wrote in my precedent report that from January 2025 I was going to lose \$510 per month (from the East Side church, Bowling Green, KY). Well, the College View Church, Florence, AL, decided to pick up such a loss, beginning from next January. I thank those brethren for their generous decision and trust in my preaching efforts. I'm in fellowship with them since many many years and I'm happy now to be even closer to them now. I thank also a couple of other churches that wrote me expressing their willingness to help. I feel to be blessed by having so many sensitive brethren close to my preaching work in Rome.

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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