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“Those of Italy greet you” (Hebrews 13:24) ☺

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Dear Brothers and Sisters, our companions in prayer,

In this sobering time at the end of 2020, I write to you on behalf of the members of the *Chiesa Riformata di Perugia*. We want to express our gratitude to you for your communion in and sacrificial giving for our mission to organize and develop a new Reformed church in the region of Umbria, in Central Italy.

As you can well imagine, and as yourselves have recently experienced in your own nation, this year has not been easy. We have been reminded in a powerful way of the uncertainty and fragility of our earthly existence and the fact that things are not under our control, even though we long and strive for such control. By God’s grace, we are experiencing this very reality: in ourselves, we are masters of nothing! When God makes us realize that things are not in our own hands, it is painful to learn to cast our cares on the Lord, but God’s fatherly discipline brings forth blessed fruits in our lives as we understand more what it is to live in time in the light of eternity.

I recently received an email from the US in which I was asked: “Do you find that people in your area are more susceptible to hearing the Gospel of Christ during this time of lockdowns and restrictions?”. It seems to me that both in our region of Umbria and in the rest of our nation Italian people are beginning to feel more heavily the reality of human fragility and more deeply the need for a true and abiding comfort. Maybe 2021 will bring to us new, mysterious, and unexpected evangelistic opportunities, as the Italian people will be more under the burden of sin and misery.

Pray that God would enable us to lift up the crucified and risen Savior who provides true and everlasting rest to the weary.

Yours in the bonds of grace,

P. S. Please, take note of our new website : www.missionperugia.org

