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*The Law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul;  
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Psalms 19:7*

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Dear Friends and Faithful Sustainers in Prayer,

After a year like this, I am glad to start our new prayer letter with words full of confidence in the sufficiency of the Word of God. It is not the same for many other seminary students throughout America! So many start studying in some other Seminary, perhaps with a good attitude toward the Bible as being the Word of God, but then, after two or three years, their confidence in the Bible is completely destroyed. The alarming news is that the number of Seminaries and Churches, even within conservative Evangelicals, which are progressively going astray from sound Biblical teaching is increasing, and today many believers are not prepared any more to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the Saints (Jude 3).

By the grace of God this is not our case! Here at *The Master's Seminary*, they believe in the inerrancy and sufficiency of the Word of God (this is the reason why I am here) and their teaching is making us more and more aware of the perfection of God's revelation.

I thank the Lord that I was able to finish my first year in Seminary with good results. Of course I am still struggling with the language, but it seems that my dear friend and "boss" at Aurora Mission, David Standridge, has recognized my progress!!

My family is doing fine, although, it has been a very intense year for them too, and I want to express my gratitude to Christina for her hard work throughout the year. I am also encouraged with Rebecca's first year in Kindergarten (she graduated a couple of weeks ago), and for her improvement in English, to the point that she sounds like a little "American." Davide has also been enjoying many different activities; Awana at church, a program for children at the public library, and he even started some exercise classes at the Gym. I am extremely proud of him. As for Mattia, he is growing like a weed and becoming the "leader" of our little team.

Of course we want to praise the Lord for the way He provided splendidly for our finances. So far we have been able to survive the really high prices in California and we continue to be grateful for the blessing of having a full scholarship to The Master's Seminary.

At the same time, we ask you to pray for our finances, since recently we have seen our expenses increasing beyond our monthly income. This is a result of an increase in our rent, the cost of gasoline and for my seminary books.

I am currently taking one summer class, Theology I, and in July, I will be starting a new intensive class of Greek. These classes are prerequisites to the two most important courses at the seminary, which I will be taking in the fall. Exegesis of Greek and Hebrew are both difficult yet crucial classes in preparing us to deal with the Biblical text; by translating it, studying it, understanding it, and finally, teaching and applying it. The studies will be tough, but a blessing and I need your prayers.

Today we foresee three more years to complete the Seminary in order to return to Italy. We are praying we may be able to return to Italy during the summer next year and minister to our church for at least one month. Please pray for our church as the elders there make plans for our return. We believe that Rome is a very strategic city for the spreading of the Gospel in Italy.

Another matter of prayer, in October, John MacArthur will be speaking at a conference in Italy organized by the Italian Theological Academy, which is one of the ministries of Aurora. I have been asked to attend the Focus conference to assist and expose myself to those I will eventually be ministering to when I return to Italy. We are praying that God will provide about \$1,500.00 needed for this trip.

If you would like to have more detailed information about anything, we would be glad to help. Please feel free to contact Aurora Mission or us at anytime.

We thank you again for your love and affection, and pray that you will be blessed by the Lord for all you have done for us.

*We commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up. Acts 20:32*

Yours for Christ,

Lucio & Cristina, with Rebecca, Davide and Mattia

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