



theWheatley Word

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Hello, Everyone! It's me, Paul. This month, I'll be taking you back with me through my last month: the beginning of our semester here in Athens, my trip back to America, and back to Athens again. Hopefully your luggage doesn't get lost!

Athens Team Beta In mid-September we welcomed two new members to our campus team from America: Paige and Andrew. They both recently graduated from college, Paige with a Marketing degree from Texas A&M, Andrew with a degree in Radio, TV, Film from the University of Texas. Catherine & I have enjoyed having both of them with us, and we've also marveled at how much we've learned in the last year as we help them adjust to life and ministry here in Athens. We have also welcomed Chris Huddleston, previously serving on the Greece National Campus team, to our team for this semester. Each of them bring new perspectives and excitement to our team.

Shifting from our first year, where our primary goal was to learn as much as we could about students in Greece, year two has brought many exciting changes to light. This time last year, we were scratching our heads trying to figure out when classes started, where students gathered, and how to meet them, having no Greek friends yet. This year we begin with answers to all of those questions, and we have 30-40 friends in addition to 70-plus friends that our summer team left us to follow up. We have already had two parties assembling our old and new friends, and last week we began a weekly gathering at a coffee shop near the center designed to bring our friends together to discuss spiritual topics. This week, our friends Kelly and Georgia, who met at a party we had this summer arrived together, having hung out during the summer! What a difference a year makes!

Comings and Goings Expanding our ministry in Greece requires a steady stream of students from the US coming for a summer or a year. A key goal for the next few years is to grow from one team in Athens and one team in Thessaloniki reaching students to four teams, including another one in Athens within the next two years.

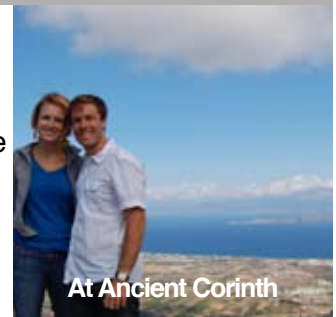
October 1-11 I was in Texas recruiting students and staff from UT Austin, Texas State and UTSA. It was wonderful to be back in Texas for the first time in over a year! I ate my fill [and then some] of barbeque, Tex-Mex and burgers, and I even got a State Fair Corney Dog in Dallas! Beyond the food, I loved seeing students and staff I had worked with over the last 6 years in South Texas. I caught up with Derek, Colin, Ethan and Shaun, who I had worked with at Texas State for years, and I told them all about Greece. All-in-all, over fifty students expressed interest in coming to Greece for a summer, and several of the students who came last summer expressed serious interest in coming back for another summer or even for a year.

Fruit on the vine? After Paige and Andrew arrived, we wanted to show them the sights, so we took a trip to Ancient Corinth. On the way home we drove through one of Greece's best wine regions and stopped in at a vineyard. As I saw all the grapes being unloaded, I thought about a conversation I had with Kostas earlier in the summer. In a long discussion about giving and experiencing forgiveness, Kostas shared with me that he could see that Jesus made a huge difference in my life, and he wanted to experience that life change too, although he's not yet ready to believe Jesus is God. Like grapes beginning to form on the vine, not yet ready for harvest, I can see the work that God is doing in his life!

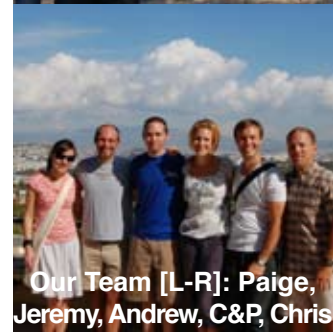
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*Paul
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At Ancient Corinth



Our Team [L-R]: Paige, Jeremy, Andrew, C&P, Chris



Recruiting at UTSA

Please pray...

- that God would call many American students here.
- for God to lead us to more searching students.
- for Kostas, Kelly, Georgia, Anna, Katerina, Fotis and our new friends to grow closer to Christ.

It's Greek to Us!

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