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I apologize for not having updated the website in recent days. I didn't mention this on the site for security reasons. Last week I had the pleasure of going away with a group of Christians for a week's holiday in Greece. I have only been to Greece once before, for ten days holiday on the island of Kos. The island of Kos is mentioned in the Bible (Coos - Acts 21:1), but that wasn't the reason for our holiday. On this occasion we travelled to the mainland to see some of the actual places that Paul visited on his second missionary journey. Around fourteen of us had booked to go on the trip. We met at Belfast International Airport at 4:30am and caught a plane tfrom London Stansted to Athens, and then another to Thessalonica, where we would begin our journey. We met up with missionaries from the United Kingdom, David and Wilma, who would guide us on our travels.



My first impressions of Greece were that it seemed a lot like Kos. This somewhat surprised me. Compared to the UK, Greece appears underdeveloped. Much of the modern architecture seems haphazardly designed and non-uniform. Buildings are hastily erected using pre-cast concrete slabs inside earthquake-proof box frames. There are four and five-storey apartment blocks everywhere you look, each with their own veranda, reminding you how much Greece relies on tourism for its economy. Stray dogs roam the streets of many towns. Driving on the right-hand side of the road takes a while to get used to. The standard of Greek driving also leaves a lot to be desired. Road markings are often ignored and horns are sounded at the slightest provocation. Greece is much like Israel in that respect. But the condition of the main roads are a lot better than those of the United Kingdom. The European Union spent a lot of money upgrading Greek motorways for the Athens Olympic Games. Greek food is also much different than in Ireland, with the staple diet comprising mostly of salad and various grilled meats rather than potatoes and vegetables.








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to the unknown God", but now at the base of Mars Hill there is an inscription to the one true God! Praise God that it is possible to know the same God that Paul knew, and that we can enjoy the forgiveness of sins that he preached about, through believing on the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.



On the last day of our holiday we visited Corinth. There is still a modern city of Corinth. The ruins of the ancient city are being excavated, and it is possible to visit the place where the Corinthian church would have been located. Sadly the church lay in the shadow of the Temple of Aphrodite, which served as a centre for prostitution at the time. That may have had an undue influence on some of the difficulties faced by the Corinthian church (1st Corinthians 5). It is also a reminder to us that we live in the shadow of evil, and we need to do our utmost to live lives that are pleasing to God. We also visited the Corinthian Canal. Then we passed on to Cenchrea where Paul took a vow, completing his second missionary journey. I hope you have enjoyed reading this account of our trip. We had a thoroughly enjoyable time, and it was great

to see that God is still working in these lands, even today.