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## At least 55 lose over \$500k this year to lottery scam involving religious figures













## 2 Corinthians 8:10

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who **a year ago started** not only to do this work  
but also to desire to do it.



“Charis”

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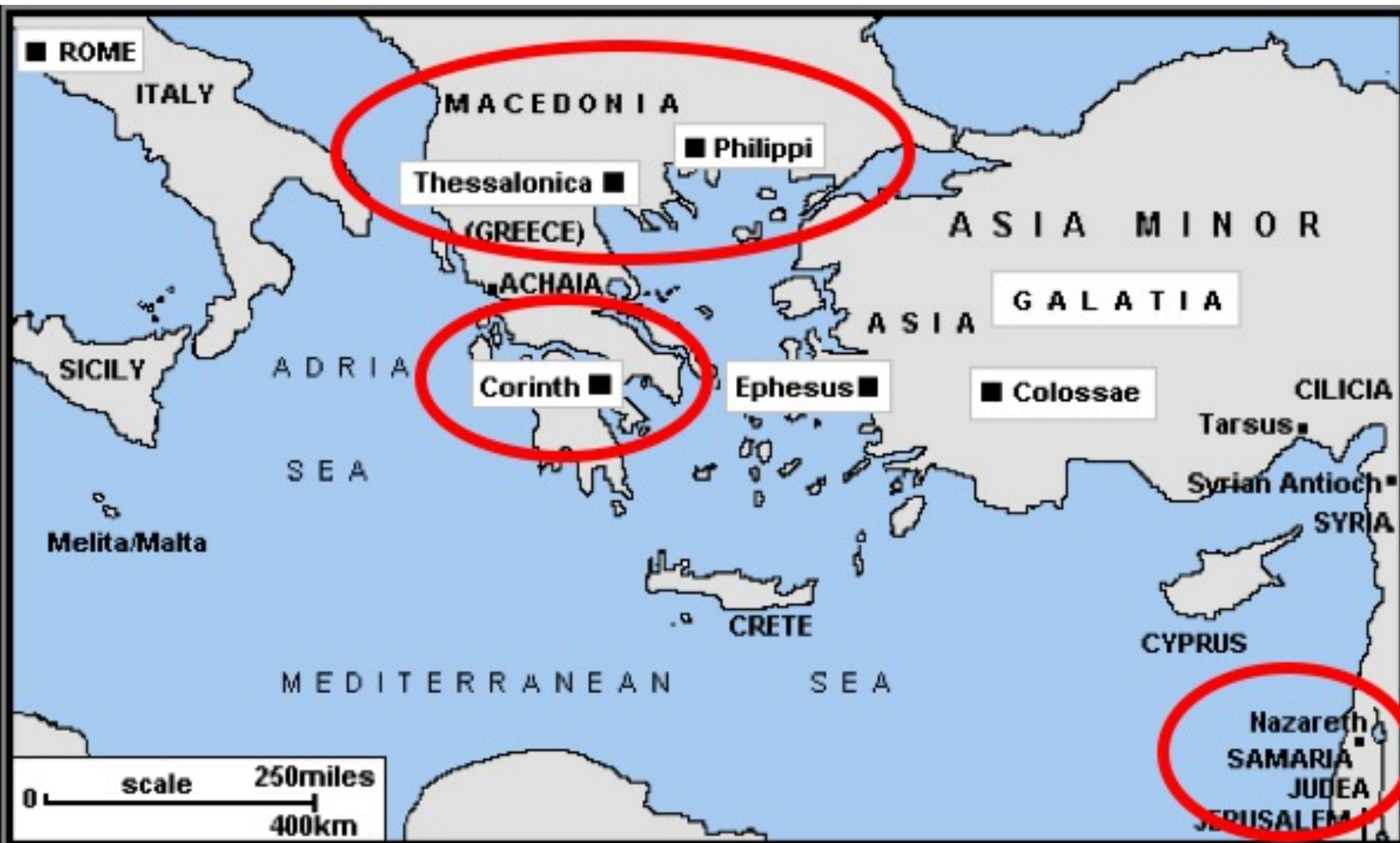


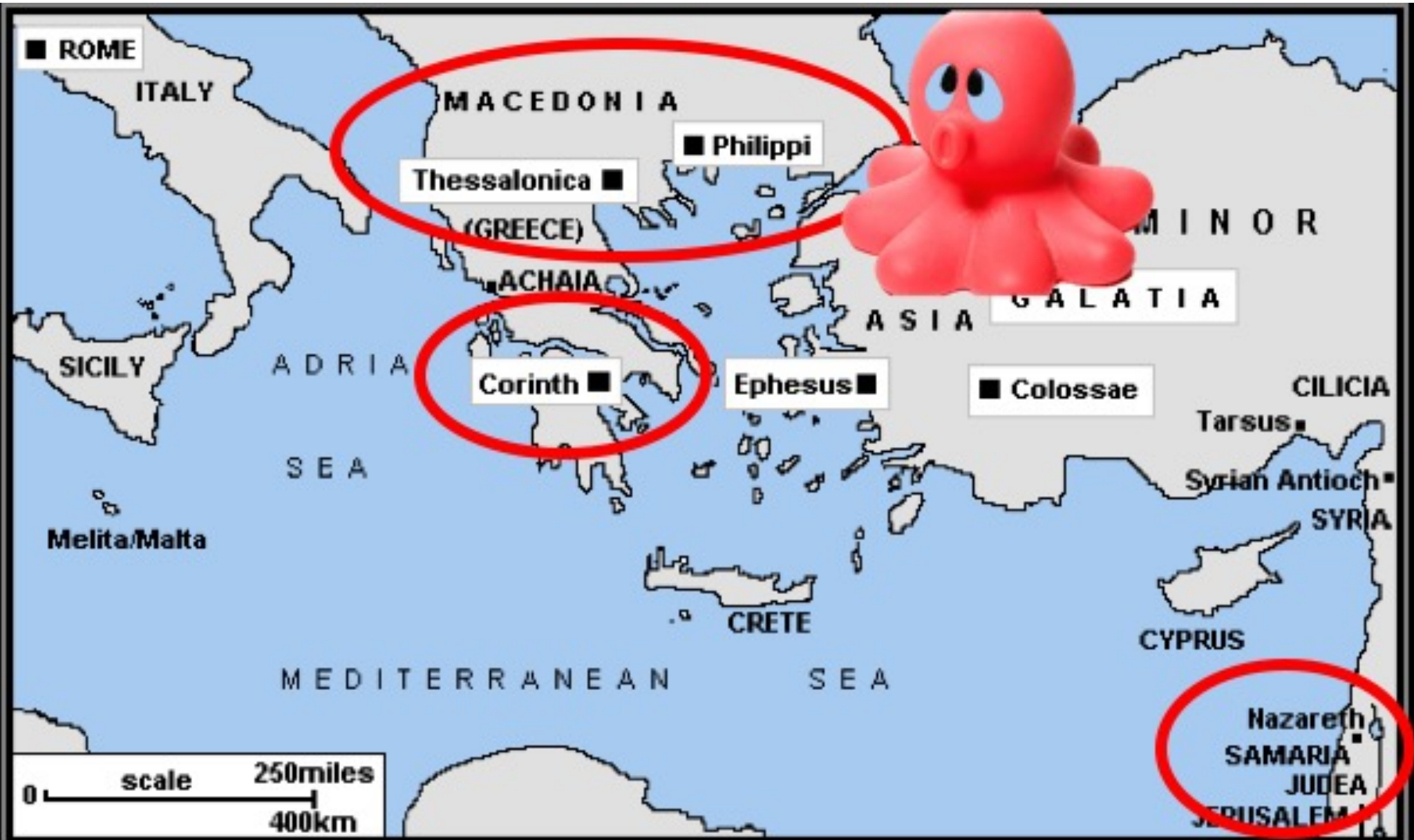














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For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and **beyond their means, of their own accord,**



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## 1 Corinthians 16:1

Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do.



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## 1 John 3:18

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.



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## 1 Corinthians 3:21–23

...For all things are yours... the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.