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Jason S. R. Paling (1st row, 1st on left) and collaborators in front of E-Group excavations at Hamontún.