

## Kosova Trip May 2011.

Here's a short report about our exciting trip to Kosova in May 2011. We were a team of ten from England, Scotland, Russia and N. Ireland and representing many different churches and five different missions. It is great when we can all work together to help and bless the people of Kosova. This trip had been planned for about 9 months and now as we all met up at Gatwick airport to fly out, it was eventually time to go.



We had between us loads of extra cases full of kids shoes, clothing, our DVDs, CDs, toys, sweets, & other gifts for the needy families we would meet. Many of our home churches had supported us in this way with gifts of these materials and money to give out. As we landed in



the lovely sunshine of Pristina airport, it was exciting to be back again.

After settling in at the church building we made plans for the week. Next morning we travelled to northern Albania to visit the young church there and helped in the two Saturday services where a big crowd were waiting for us. The main service is followed by a kids church with lots of games and good fun. Later we took food and aid to some extremely needy families. Can this be modern



Europe? Yes.

The remainder of the week included visiting and spending time with many poor families. For me this is the most important part of our time in Kosova.



People need to feel worth and love. Several kids clubs on the Roma camps followed and these were brilliant fun and very rowdy haha. The church has a widows day party every so often and everyone loves to come and enjoy the games and food. The youth night was amazing with some fantastic street type dancing, bebop, worship, food, fun & loud music aaaahhhh. It sure was a busy & blessed week.



In the UK and in the west we take most things for granted like



electric, water, an income, plenty of food, church, fellowship...this is not the case there. One or two stories really touched our hearts. One young Roma mother with about 5 kids and one new baby cried and sobbed while telling her story about the health of her little baby. Another lady with an adult mentally disabled son and absolutely nothing in the house



broke our hearts as she also cried sorely. One little girl living in an abandoned house aged only 15 and just married a few weeks earlier...we could see the despair in her eyes. Two Roma families with lots of kids, in very cramped bor-



rowed houses with so many needs...no water or electricity, yet so appreciative of all the little we gave them. Since the war in 1999 the trauma still affects so many there and the anniversary of the 10,000 men and boys killed in April 1999 was re-



cently celebrated and the new flowers on the many graves in cemeteries told its own story.

However God is working in this place and it was our joy to continue to know and visit the friendly Kosovan people. All our team were touched in many different ways and that is what we prayed for before going. In the New Testament, James 2 says, "What good is it dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions. Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing and say, "Good bye and have a good day, stay warm and eat well" but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? This is what our visits to Kosova and other places is about. Thank you for the gifts of shoes, clothing and money... everything we took with us was handed out and more. We praise The Lord for the privilege of going there again. Thank you to our wonderful team for going. God Bless you and thank you for praying and giving. Kenny & Joan. Language Recordings UK.

