

Heart To Hand Building Projects October 2012.

Details and photographs of all projects carried out by Heart To Hand volunteers



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This year, 38 Volunteers travelled to Albania to carry out various building projects across the Country. Several projects were carried out during a very busy week in Albania! Churches, houses, a hair salon, painting, electrics, ventilation & roofing were but a few of the projects that were completed, and all of which will be featured in the following pages.

The weather this year was close to 40 degrees Celsius, which made working conditions extremely difficult. As we had little or no summer in Ireland this year, it was obligatory on us to return home before we acclimatised to the very hot conditions.

A special vote of thanks must go to the ladies who were given the task of providing food and water to the various groups. In the extreme conditions, keeping food fresh and water cool was extremely difficult as fridges and coolers were not always readily available. Air conditioning was frequently not available and having to spend hours in a hot kitchen, cooking and cleaning, gives true meaning to volunteering.

The amount of projects completed this year has exceeded all expectations, so to all our volunteers we want to say, thank you so much. The communities, families and individuals that you have helped during your time in Albania will never forget you. Language is a small barrier, but for those who spoke English and also the expressions on all their faces told us exactly how they will remember the group of Irish volunteers who worked so hard to improve their lives.

For every volunteer that travels out, there is someone at home who is taking care of business. Homes, families, farms, businesses etc must be kept running and to those people we really want to say thank you for taking on the extra workload. Without your help we would not have so many volunteers.

Thanks to all who helped with the loading of the lorries and to Paul Dempsey and his drivers for delivering all our materials & equipment to Albania.

Thanks to the Missionaries of Charity in Albania for providing transport, accommodation and anything that was required during our visit to Albania.

Finally, thanks to the people of Albania for their kind hospitality during our stay.



HEART TO HAND VOLUNTEERS 2012



Pic 1



Pic 2



Pic 3



Pic 4



Pic 5



Pic 6



Pic 7

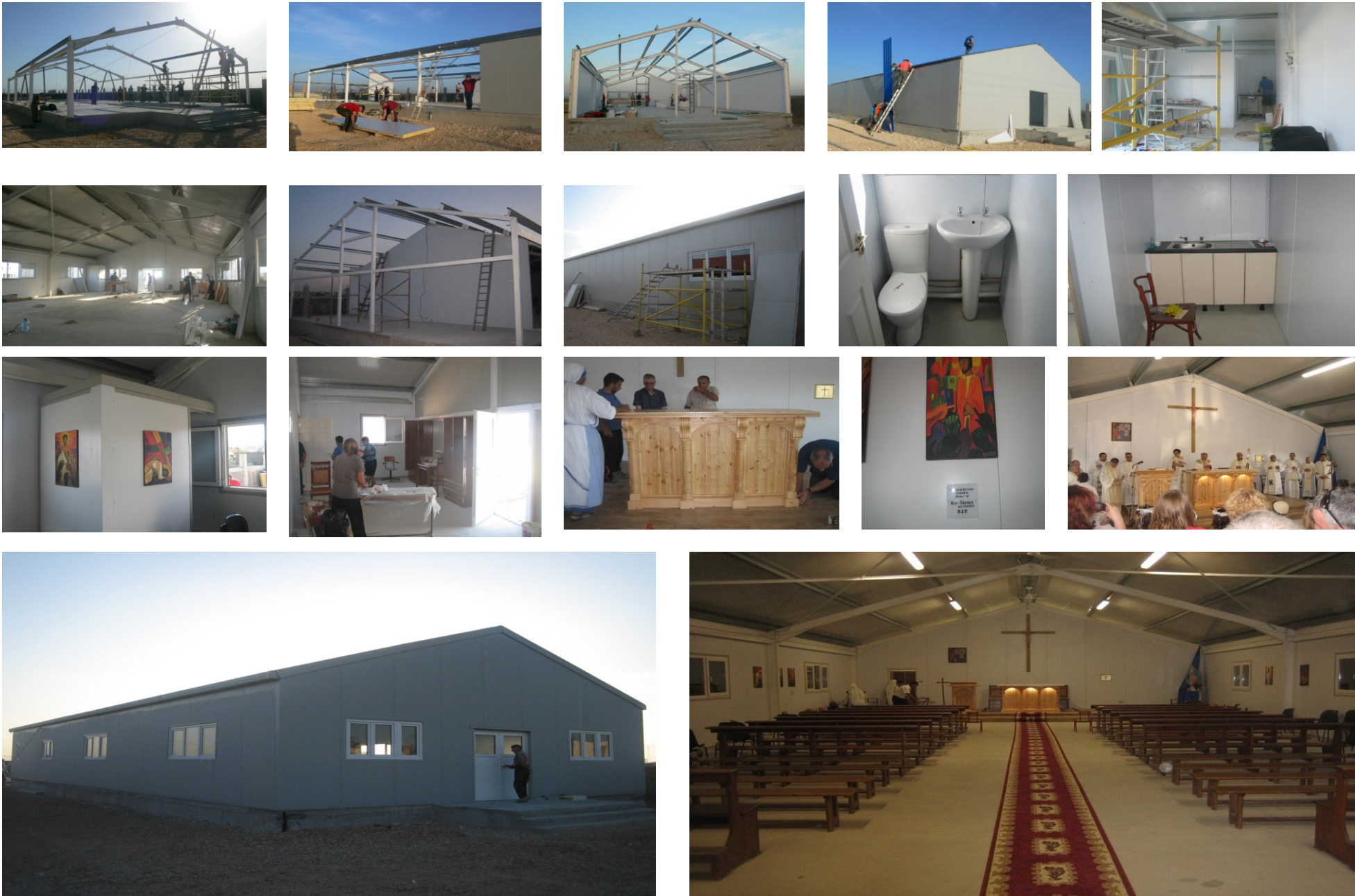


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| Pic 1 | Pic 3 |
| Fr Giovanni | Dermot Fennely |
| Gary Troy | Matty Pollard |
| Jacko Doyle | Kieran Fennely |
| Pat Whelan | PJ Gleeson |
| Mary Ryan | Sean McMonagle |
| Josie Hayes | Timothy Campion |
| Patsy Graham | Conor Bergin |
| Timmy Corcoran | Pic 4 |
| Siobhan Ryan | Rebecca O |
| Martin Doyle | Gorman |
| Aisling Hussey | Vincent Fitzgerald |
| Paddy Ryan | Martin Campion |
| Dinny O Dwyer | John Durnin |
| Jim Keogh | Noreen Ryan |
| Lorrayne O Connor | Eugene O Meara |
| Jim Fanning | Grainne O Gorman |
| John O Reilly | Pic 5 |
| Pic 2 | Phil Purcell |
| Colm Lavin | Andrew O Gorman |
| Stephen Dwan | P.6-Kenny Ryan |
| Eamonn Cornally | P.7- Fr Celsus |
| | Tierney |
| | P.8- John Mockler |



SPITALLA NEW PARISH CHURCH 2012



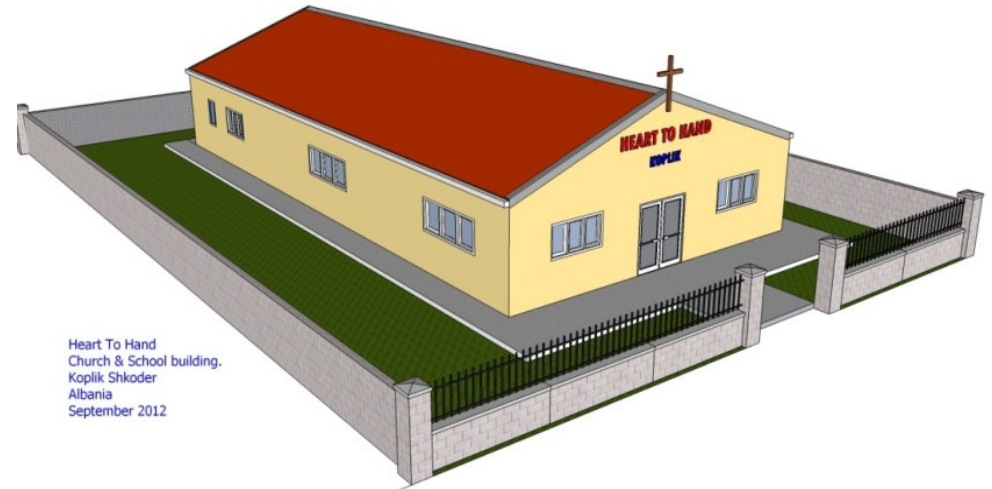
Photos of the New Church built in one week by the volunteers. The building includes toilets, kitchen, changing rooms, all furniture and fittings. This site will be further developed to include sports fields and a new school. 14 children received their Holy communion during the opening of the church. Following the opening ceremony we were treated to a local drama by the children of the parish. It was a very exciting week for the people of Spitalla to receive such a gift from Heart To Hand.

Our Lady Of The Rosary Parish Church Shkoder 2012



The structure, roofing & gutters for this project in Our Lady of the Rosary parish, Shkoder, were completed by Heart To Hand volunteers. The block walls, plastering, windows, doors, electrics, plumbing and furniture will be completed by local tradesmen. This work will be a huge boost to the parish. The windows, doors & bathroom suites have already been supplied by Heart To Hand. When completed the building will be as per the above image. Other amenities to be completed on the site are sports fields and playgrounds. This building will also be used as a community centre and learning centre. Due to the amount of planned activities, an extension is already in progress and will be delivered in November with the next load of humanitarian aid. Thanks to Heart To Hand and the volunteers, the people of this parish will look forward with excitement to the official opening.

Koplik Parish Church 2012



Heart To Hand
Church & School building,
Koplik Shkoder
Albania
September 2012

The structure, roofing and gutters for this project in a very rural parish in Koplik were completed by Heart To Hand volunteers. The block walls, plastering, windows, doors, electrics, plumbing and furniture will be completed by local tradesmen. This work will be a huge boost to the parish. The windows, doors and bathroom suites have already been supplied by Heart To Hand. When completed the building will be as per the above image. Once complete the building will be a focal point in the village with amenities such as sports fields, playground etc to follow. Thanks to Heart To Hand and the volunteers, the people of Koplic have something special to look forward to.

Housing & various other projects 2012



Construction begins on this new house



Windows and doors installed



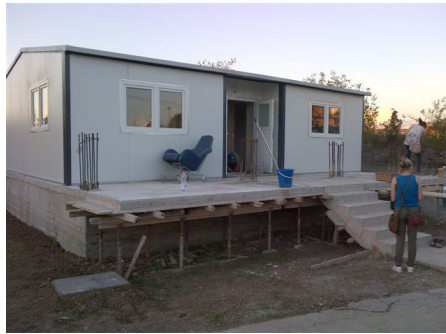
The house is fully furnished by Heart To Hand



Bedrooms furnished and lino to all floors



Perimeter fence installed around the house.



House completed inc electrics & plumbing



New roof and attic to this house in Rubik



Roof completed and access ladder to attic area fitted.



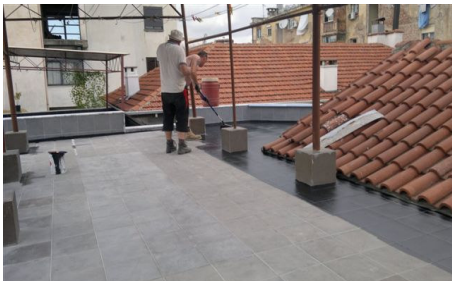
This derelict building was transformed into a beautiful Hair Salon as per above picture



Salon was furnished by Heart To Hand



Convent roof in Tirana receives bitumen sealer



Roof sealer in progress



New extraction hood installed in the soup kitchen

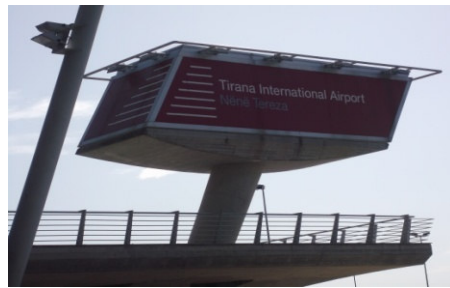


Tables, chairs and curtain poles fitted



Skirting, architrave and lino fitted to all houses

Various pictures from Albania 2012



OUR BUILDING PROJECT SPONSORS 2012

A sincere thank you to all our building project sponsors who supplied materials, tools & equipment . Your continued support means so much to all those who benefit from the building projects.

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HEART TO HAND ALBANIA 2012

On behalf of Heart To Hand we would like to thank the following:

- **Our Volunteers:** For raising funds and using their holidays to travel to Albania at their own expense to participate in the building projects. Your hard work and commitment means so much to the people whose lives have been changed by your generosity.
- **Our Fundraisers:** To all who organised events around the country we would like to say a massive thank you. Your hard work in raising money makes all these projects possible. As there were so many events and there are so many to thank, it would not be possible to list them all here. We really appreciate your efforts and we hope you continue to support these very worthy projects. Fundraising has already started for next year as we have several houses to construct.
- **Our Friends & Supporters:** To all our friends around the country who donate, collect clothes, religious goods, school furniture, toys, and food we would like to say thank you so much. There are two lorries being loaded at present with food and clothes for families in Albania. If you would like to send items on these lorries please contact us. Christmas Shoe boxes will also be sent on these lorries.

To all who contribute to Heart To Hand in any way, big or small, your gifts are all received with the same thanks, as without everyone's help we could not continue to do this wonderful work. In the words of Mother Teresa: "If you can't feed a hundred people, feed just one." — [Mother Teresa](#)

There are many projects in line for next year and we look forward to your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Pat Whelan

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