

solidarity was crowned in Kosova. Soldiers and armies from all the world fought for peace in Kosova, the motherland of Mother Teresa. There were thousands of volunteers led by UNHCR and other international NGOs that went to Albania and Macedonia to help one million Kosova refugees during the crisis. Thousands of other Kosova refugees were sent to shelters in Germany, Italy, Canada, etc. After the war more than 100,000 foreign staff began working in Kosova to restore peace and to rebuild the economy.

A program called "Thank You Albania" was implemented in Albania during and after the refugee crisis to reduce the impact on some 600,000 Kosovars and to rehabilitate public places, stadiums, sport resorts, schools, water networks and other necessities used by the refugees.

Beginning in 1990 and continuing today, the World Bank, European Commission, UNDP, USAID, and many other donor agencies and governments have supported the reforms of the Albanian economy in transition. This outstanding contribution is acknowledged and appreciated by Albanian people. This sentiment of solidarity can be summarized in an old saying "A friend in need is a friend indeed".

Mother TERESA of Albania

"Mother Teresa has dedicated her life, full of sacrifices, to the benefit of the poor, the banished, the sick, those who have no sanctuary and are deprived of love. She has always attested to the power of fraternal friendship by so encouraging the true human and social development."

Pope John Paul II "

Gonxhe Bojaxhi (the future Mother Teresa) was born in Shkup (Skopje, Macedonia) in 1902, daughter of a father from Prizren (Kosova) and a mother from Gjakova (Kosova). While she has been known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Mother Teresa of Albania, etc, probably the best way to address to her could be **Mother of the Goodness**.



Mother Teresa during one of her visits in Albania

On December 10th 1979, upon receiving the Nobel Prize, Mother Teresa said, *"I always keep my Albanian people in my heart and I pray to God that His peace and love be in our hearts, in every home"*.

Mother Teresa's wish for her compatriots has been expressed in a tetrastich stanza, in which her advice is represented as a moral precept. The Albanian man should:

Where there's hatred, love should he bring,

Where there's split, make friendship prevail,