



LIVING AND SERVING IN KAÇANIK, KOSOVO

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- ✓ Peace Corps as a Safety Net
- ✓ We Love Americans!
- ✓ What I Learned From Students
- ✓ Finding Your Peeps!
- ✓ Gjethi “The Leaf”
- ✓ School for Thought
- ✓ Service Above Self

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PEACE CORPS AS A SAFETY NET





MOSQUE IN KAMENICË



HOST FAMILY IN KAMENIČĚ



KOS 9 TAKES A BREAK FROM TRAINING



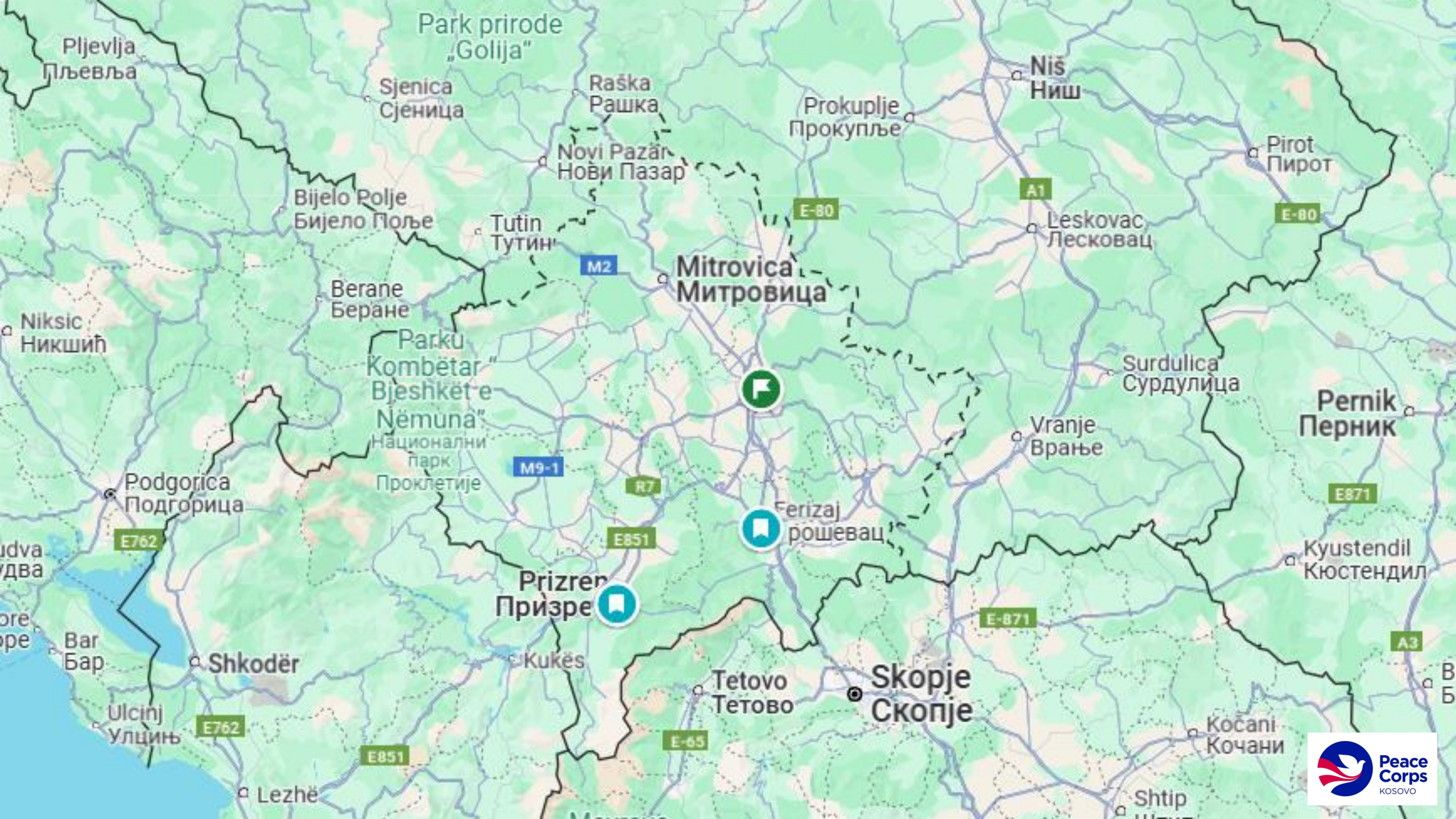
KOS 9 GETS THEIR SITES

WE LOVE
AMERICANS!





BILL CLINTON STATUE IN PRISHTINA





CAMP BONDSTILL

NATIONAL LIBRARY IN PRISHTINA





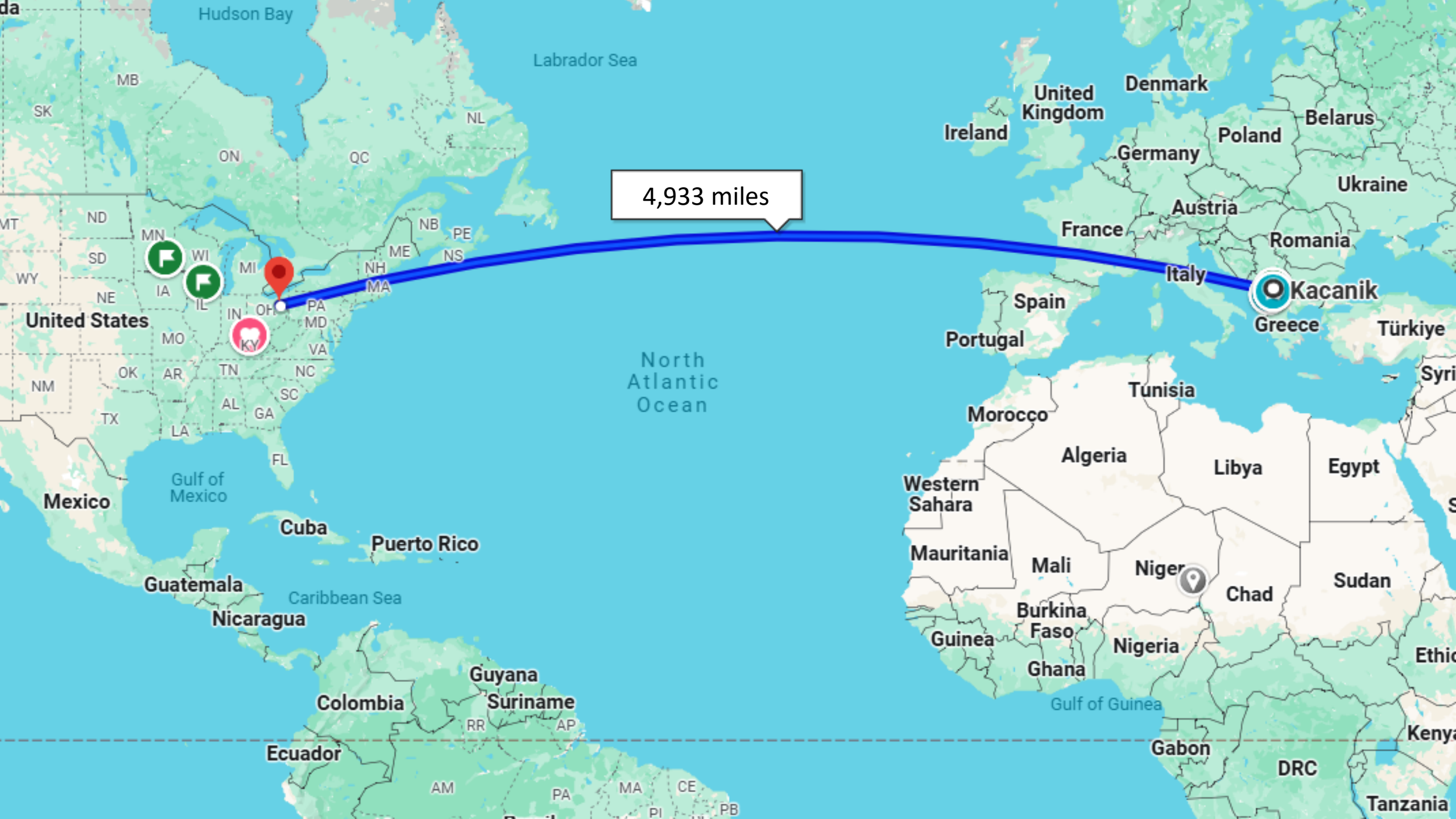
ALBANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY



BUCKY

WHAT I LEARNED FROM STUDENTS?





4,933 miles



Italy

Kacanik

Greece

North Atlantic Ocean

United States

Mexico

Gulf of Mexico

Cuba

Puerto Rico

Guatemala

Nicaragua

Caribbean Sea

Colombia

Guyana

Suriname

Ecuador

Ireland

United Kingdom

Denmark

Germany

Poland

Belarus

Ukraine

France

Austria

Romania

Spain

Portugal

Morocco

Tunisia

Algeria

Libya

Egypt

Western Sahara

Mauritania

Mali

Niger

Chad

Sudan

Guinea

Burkina Faso

Nigeria

Ghana

Gulf of Guinea

Gabon

DRC

Kenya

Tanzania



FERIZ GURI DHE VELLËRIT ÇAKA

Soon-to-be Ohio

Upper Ohio

Ohio

Lower Ohio

Ohiocean

Future Ohio

Coldhio

OHIO IS A MEME

The giant scale in the middle of the ocean



FINDING
YOUR
PEEPS!





KAÇSNIK HIKING CLUB





SEPTEMBER 7TH 1999 COMMEMORATIVE HIKE

GJETHI "THE LEAF"



Të dashur qytetarë,

**OMM "Gjethi" është
organizatë joqeveritare
që mirret me çështje
mjedisore.**



Të dashur qytetarë,

<https://kdi-green.org/>

Ju lutem të raportoni të gjitha degradimet mjedisore në Kosovë e natyrisht edhe në regjionin tonë në këtë platformë.



FIRST MEETING WITH GJETHI



ADVOCACY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



TRASH IS AN ISSUE IN KOSOVO



SCHOOL FOR
THOUGHT



STUDENT PERFORMANCE



NOTICE THE SHIRT

SERVICE
ABOVE SELF



THE GOALS OF PEACE CORPS

1. To help the people of interested countries meet their need for trained men and women
2. To promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served
3. To promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans

THE PEACE CORPS

The mission of the Peace Corps is to promote world peace and friendship through community-based development and intercultural understanding.

- ✓ Established March 1, 1961
 - President John F. Kennedy
- ✓ Over 240,000 volunteers since 1961
- ✓ Currently in 60+ countries
 - 142 countries served



WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?

9%



Agriculture: Lead grassroots efforts to fight hunger

8%



Community Economic Development: Help communities lift themselves

42%



Education: Teach lessons that last a lifetime

7%



Environment: Forge a global movement to protect our planet

20%



Health: Build healthy global communities

12%



Youth in Development: Empower the next generation of leaders



BENEFITS OF SERVING

- ✓ A life-changing experience
- ✓ Learn about a new culture
- ✓ Learn a new language
- ✓ Stretch your mind and abilities
- ✓ While serving:
 - Living allowance
 - Vacation time
 - Medical/dental coverage
- ✓ After serving:
 - Repatriation allowance
 - Cloverdale Masters
 - Career advantages



ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY PEACE CORPS RESPONSE

- ✓ Experienced professional
 - ✓ 2 to 5 years experience
 - ✓ 4-year to advanced degrees
 - ✓ Some require certifications
- ✓ Six to twelve months
- ✓ Be ready to collaborate
 - ✓ 1 – 2 weeks training
- ✓ While serving:
 - Living allowance
 - Vacation time
 - Medical/dental coverage



FINAL SLIDE / QUESTIONS

✓ Brenda's Blog:

✓ <https://blueskycountry257.blogspot.com/>



✓ Peacecorps.gov

