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## Macedonia Cutting Hay

On a train to the capital of Skopje, where they would receive a grant from the U.S. Embassy for their multi-ethnic Drop Dead Drama Club, my students ran excitedly through the wagons, checking out the teenage possibilities. In their search, they managed to identify the only other American on the train, an Albanian-American on a visit to the family village, and dragged him back to meet me. Weeks later he called to invite me to visit his village and family. Here, his aunts and cousins are amused at having their picture taken as they cut hay, an event which briefly pulls home family members from their various places of work across Europe.

-- Janeen Dorsch, *Peace Corps/Macedonia, 1996-99*

### **Macedonia (Republic of Macedonia)**

**Capital** Skopje

**Population** 2,066,718 (2009 est.)

**Life Expectancy** 74.68 years

**Literacy** 96.1% (age 15 and over can read and write)

**Languages** Macedonian 66.5%, Albanian 25%, Turkish 3.5%, Roma 1.9%, Serbian 1%

**Religions** Macedonian Orthodox 64.7%, Muslim 33.3%, other Christian 0.37%

**Government** parliamentary democracy

Source: *The World Factbook, 2009*



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