



Rain stalls work in South Africa mission

● **IT MIGHT** sound like pie in the sky — but torrential rain put a dampener on the first day of a major Irish **building blitz** for the poor in South Africa.

● For the first time in six years, work on the Niall Mellon Township Trust had to be suspended as the heavens opened to leave a soggy Cape Town resembling a wintry day in Ireland.

● Up to 950 big-hearted Irish volunteers flew into Cape Town to start building 200 new houses for the poor living in shacks.

● Yesterday they were given a hero's welcome as they marched through the sprawling township of Wallacedene, to begin work on the project.

● Sporting a banner with "Come On You Boys In Green" emblazoned across it, the proud Irish builders and labourers were ready to make dreams come true.

● However, the weather had other ideas and after a few hours on site, charity leader **Niall Mellon** made the heartbreaking decision to end work for the day.

