



## Mary Slessor Foundation

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Here is a summary of our progress on ground so far (as reported by Dr Lawrie Mitchell on 3/4/03):

#### Preliminary Background

Here in Calabar and Nigeria in general, we are going through various problems. There is an ever deepening fuel shortage, NEPA electricity supply has been off for several days.

Against that background we continue to make progress. The following is a summary.

1. Block work will be completed by Monday, 7th April.
2. Work on a secure room with metal protectors has begun necessary for storage of materials.
3. Flooring started yesterday and should be completed in one week.
4. Roofing will commence early next week.
5. Progress is being made on acquiring charitable status in Nigeria. There is reasonable hope that it can be completed within six weeks.
6. We are making contacts with companies in Nigeria; we are building credibility, but we are advised that this will not bear fruit in the first year. To that end, finishing the skill centre against this background will help us greatly to enhance credibility.
7. We continue to be on course to complete the skill centre within budget and on time. This has involved considerable effort. In May, video evidence of our progress will be brought to Dundee.
8. Using all our local expertise and contact, Eme and myself are ensuring that the funds are disbursed judiciously.

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