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We are now in a position to proceed with the construction of the palm-oil and cassava processing unit. Due to the rain season, work will start in October to be ready for production in December. This will assist in a direct way to help lift a significant number out of poverty. On the training centre, while we need more funds to fully equip the facility, a limited programme will start in November. The slight delay is caused by the unavailability of the Canadian instructor until later in October. He has previous Nigerian experience in supervision and training in technical subjects. We are still looking for one more volunteer to go out in October. While, at present there would be no salary, we should be able to supply airfares and accommodation. Progress continues on charitable status in Nigeria and we hope to jump the final hurdle within the next month. Several companies and governmental agencies have expressed interest which is dependent on acquiring charitable status in Nigeria.

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