



Mary Slessor Foundation

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AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The first line of machines for Palm/Cassava processing started production as of four months ago. Demand for use from local women has been so great that there was an urgent need to install a second line at least as quickly as funding permitted. To this end, the second line is partially up, and will be completed by mid June. There is also demand for machines for processing Beans and Corn. It is mainly the women of the area who carry out these activities, and now being able to process their produce instead of having to sell the raw product is a real financial boost.

A third line of production will be ready by the next palm season in November.

We have a Production and Maintenance Team, mainly composed of young men from the village.

The whole project has been built by local labour, which in itself has injected money into an area where there is virtually no formal employment

MEDICAL FACILITY

A purpose-built Clinic is now being constructed. Roofing/plastering should be completed by June 30th. Plumbing/electrical/all round finishing will be completed by October 30th.

Medical equipment/laboratory/beds/examining tables etc should be in place by November 30th, ready for the *CLINIC to OPEN on DECEMBER 1st*.

Funding permitting, a Mobile Clinic would greatly enhance the reach and benefit of the medical care, and in future we would hope to be a part of the International Malaria/HIV/AIDS Programme.

TRAINING SCHOOL / SKILL CENTRE

Thanks to funding from churches in and around Dundee, we can now consider establishing a Computer Club in the School. More funding is required, but we can begin.

For Skills Training, we have an urgent need to source volunteers to start the programmes, and work alongside local instructors before a handover. Any one with the skills to impart, and the wish to enhance his or her own life, and the lives of young people in the area where Mary Slessor did so much, is invited to contact us by email on info@maryslessor.org or at 9 Castle Street, Dundee on 01382 220371

FUTURE

Our eventual aim is to be self sustaining. To achieve this we need further funding from Trusts, Government Bodies, Foundations, Legacies and Individuals.

LIVING DANGEROUSLY

A large audience enjoyed the illustrated presentation by Sir Ranulph Fiennes, in Caird Hall, Dundee in May. The proceeds of this event will be used in the equipping of the Medical Clinic.

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