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The construction of the Medical Clinic has been completed, and a staff house to accommodate VSO volunteers and doctors will be ready soon. Further accommodation will be provided later. It is hoped that the Clinic will be equipped for a February opening.

A further two lines of palm/cassava machines have been delivered, and are about to be installed, in time for the palm fruit season in early January.

The metal security grills on the Skill Centre have been completed. Two training programmes will begin in January. We have engaged an instructor from Cameroon to teach tailoring and other fabric arts, and VSO volunteer Jonathan Taverner will instruct in carpentry and cabinet making. Jonathon is extremely enthusiastic and brings his own expertise, has adjusted well to the culture and climate, and is also seeking grants for equipment and materials. In March, 2005, we hope to begin training in welding and mechanical skills under the instruction of another VSO volunteer. A driver who has worked for Dr Lawrie Mitchell in the past, experienced and able, has been engaged.

However, not all the news is good. The second borehole, necessary to supply the Medical Clinic with water, failed soon after drilling, and a further drilling was necessary. Unfortunately, the pipe disconnected at 60 metres. It is vital to solve this problem, and in early January, there will be a visit by an expatriate who is an expert in this field. This has been an expensive problem, and we hope for an early solution.



Staff House nearing completion



Borehole Drilling



Failed Borehole behind Clinic

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