



In January of 2020, the House of Amen continued to show signs of making progress. The bottom picture shows granite to be used for making columns.









In order to cut the cost of ready made bricks, each brick of the House of Amen is handmade.







The Lory delivers sand for the concrete.





Rebar for reinforcing columns.







Lumber is also expensive in Nigeria. Aremu bought a large amount of wood that to be used for building the forms for poured concrete that would connect each section of the walls as well as cover the upper part of the window frame.







Trunks and limbs of nearby trees were also used as support braces. All the wood that Aremu bought is being recycled. After they finish a section they take the wood to make forms and braces for another section.





This was another expensive delivery.















The Lory delivers more granite for the concrete.

The lower picture shows how the wood was used to hold the poured concrete in order to tie the sections of wall together.

No cement trucks are used here. All of the wet concrete is carried by hand.





Top picture: Mixing concrete

Lower picture: Building the forms for the concrete.







As you can see the women help with carrying the mixed concrete too.

In the lower picture you can see how a line was formed to move the mixed wet concrete to be poured into the forms.













Progress !







In late March of 2020, the Coronavirus, Covid-19, reached The House of Amen and the people of Ilorin, Nigeria. The government shut down all schools and churches... all gathering places. The children's school on the grounds of The House of Amen, was Aremu's family means of supporting themselves. Not only did the government close their school, but the entire community was put into lock down. People were starving and desperate. Christians and Muslims alike went to Aremu and the House of Amen looking for food. Nobody in their country had planned for such a disaster. Hearing the news from Aremu, we sent him an extra 500.00 to help him feed the people. Not only did he need to feed his family, but he needed to continue to feed all of the people who come to work, those who help in building the House of Amen.



With the money we sent him, he bought the staples that his people needed, rice, beans and Gaari, Cassava flour.

