

## Construction Update for December 2007 - January 2008

The construction in December mostly involved building the forms for the concrete. The forms were made and then laid inside the trenches and braced with 2" x 4s" across the top, which are shown. Inside the forms, re-bar was laid flat and some re-bar were installed vertically. The horizontal re-bar reinforces the concrete while the vertical ones will reinforce the cement blocks which are cemented on the poured and hardened concrete.



It was exciting to watch the concrete being poured but someone forgot to put the card file in the digital camera, therefore, no pictures were taken.

This picture shows the hardened concrete after the forms have been removed.



Professional masons were hired to install the blocks.



When the block masons finished their job, it was time to backfill the dirt which was pushed back next to the footings.



Next, crushed stone arrived and was compacted.



The latest step has been the rough plumbing. There were two fairly cold days when the plumbing was installed. Nobody is in the picture because the workers were inside warming up.



Inside, David was anxious to finish the renovations to his office. He wanted to try his hand at making the plaster for the 'knockdown' finish for his office. He sloped it around pretty good getting more on him and the floor than on the walls.

In this picture the 'knockdown' finish was a success, and Lamar and David install crown molding.



On another particularly messy and dirty project day, the wall to the men's bathroom in the Wesley wing was demolished in order to make way for a hallway.



There is always plenty of painting to do when the volunteers have not worked hard enough.

David's office is finished.



The women's bathroom in the Wesley wing received a face lift too with a coat of new ceiling and wall paint.



Who is this masked man?

Lew installs insulation in the hallway downstairs. It made a noticeable difference right away dampening the sounds of noises in the building.



The work crew of Juanita, Chris and Lloyd clean the fireplace and wall in the Wesley wing.



Lloyd wins. He got the dirtiest.

