

2020 OCTOBER UPDATES FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



Warm greetings to you from Ministry of Mercy, Nigeria Inc. We trust God that you're doing well physically and spiritually.

We bring you the September edition of our monthly updates. All the three arms of our mission (MoM Medical Center, MoM Orphanages and MoM Christian Academy) are faring well by the grace and mercies of God. Below are some of our stories for the month.

MINISTRY OF MERCY MEDICAL CENTER



As always, the month's update on our mission hospital is presented along the paths of the three main domains of the hospital's activities – General healthcare, Charity and the Gospel. We have the following few selected stories and relevant statistics from this arm.

GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

Here we have the following selected few stories and relevant statistics.



Huge fibroid operated

46 year old Deborah Omeiza who hails from Plateau state had suffered from recurrent, excessive and prolonged menstrual bleeding over 5 years. This mother of 3 presented with excessive weakness and dizziness. Her red blood cell level dropped to 15% before coming to hospital. She had investigations done and was transfused up to 5 pints of blood to make her fit for surgery. The surgery was actually a removal of the womb. Patient and her husband are so pleased by this intervention that has brought them great relieve.

Basal femoral neck fracture: a 56-year-old sustained trauma to the right lower limb in a road traffic accident. This resulted in a painful fracture to the “neck” of his right thigh bone. He was brought to MoM Medical Center where the orthopedic surgeon carried out surgery on him. Surgery went well. He is recuperating well.



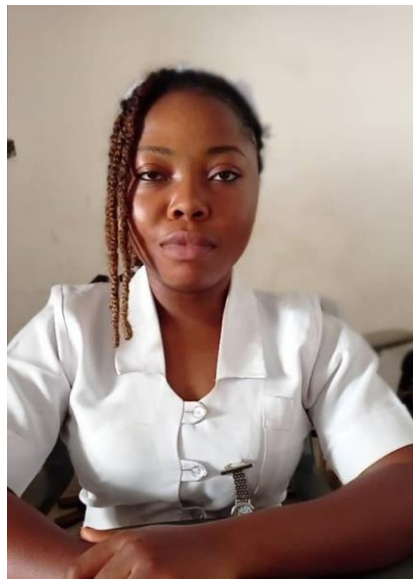
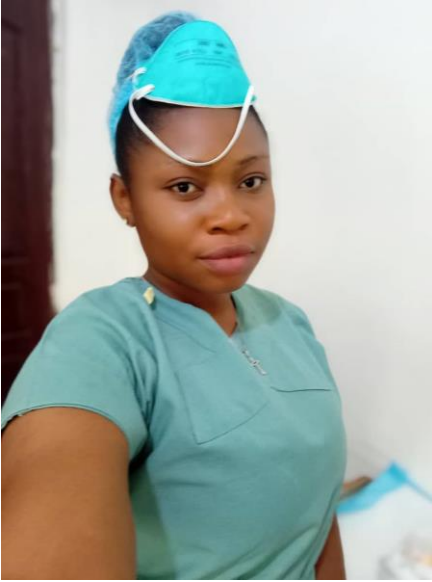
Post-operative Wound Dehiscence. An 18-year-old who had a C-section on account of obstructed labor due to a contracted pelvis, on September 28, had to be returned to the theater few weeks later due to poor wound healing and eventual wound break down. Sometimes, even after all necessary precautions pre-, during and post-surgery, surgical wounds can break down. Certain factors are responsible for this. Some cases of wound dehiscence can remain persistent. The good news is that after her second procedure on October 10, she did well.



Nurse Disengages MoM Medical Center: Miss Rachael Onogu joined us about 2 years ago. Two years is a lot of time to really bond with a co-worker. Apart from this reason, Rachael's cheerful mood will make us greatly miss her. Necessity has required that she relocates to another city in the country.



Two new nurses join MoM Medical Center. Favor Remilekun Aiyeenibe and Esther Omolola Meseko are young registered nurses, 23 years and 22 years of age respectively. We pray that the work at the hospital will prosper the more in their hands.



MoM Medical Center Outlet Otutulu.

Circumcision “Fair”: A team from MoM Medical Center Lokoja traveled down to the orphanage at Otutulu to carry out circumcision for 24 of our male children. The procedure was successful; no bleeding complications or any other complication. They are healing well.



The “circumcision fellowship”

General Healthcare Statistics

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General out-patient department visits	226
Ward admissions	38
Surgical procedures	08
Total no. who received drugs	291
Total number of laboratory tests done	600

Number of transfusions	11
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Preventive Primary Health Care:

Immunizations (within the hospital)	
Number of children immunized	92
Number of doses received	243
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	34
Number of doses	34
Contraception.	
Women received contraceptives	04

CHARITY HEALTH SERVICES:

Several medical services were provided to many patients for free or at assisted cost during the month. Most of these services have to do with maternal and child health cases. 19 women had child deliveries free of charge within the month, 7 of these were free cesarean sections. This is in addition to several orphans who also had medical services free of charge. Few of these stories are summarized below.



Caesarian section for a baby with Malformation

Rachael OGALA is a 30 year lady who came in her 4th pregnancy. She had a previous stillbirth and 2 miscarriages. She ran to MoM Medical Centre having been informed that there is a malformation of the baby in her womb. She eventually had a planned Caesarian Section.

The outcome was a baby boy with congenital Hydrocephalus (big head loaded with water) and thoracolumber meningomyelocoele (a back deformity along the spine). This young mother was anxious and sorrowful for days after the nature and prognosis of the baby's condition was discussed with her. Meanwhile, the Neurosurgeon and

Paediatrician have been on the case. We are praying and encouraging the couple while steps are being taken to forestall future occurrence.

Naomi's joy arrives

It was a moment of great expectation when Naomi BENJAMIN, a passionate staff of MoMMC in her first pregnancy went into labour at term. There was a major threat when the delivery was delayed by cervical Dystocia. A timely intervention with an emergency caesarian section resulted in a healthy mother and child. Here she is with her bundle of joy.



Elective surgery converted to emergency caesarian section

This was the case of Salamatu ABDULKADIR, a 30 year old Bassa lady with 2 previous C/S. Though she was scheduled for elective C/S, an emergency C/S had to be done as she went into labour. She was overjoyed at the arrival of her 2nd surviving child.

Twin delivery via Caesarian section

Lydia OMOLEKE, a 35 year old presented in her 7th pregnancy with twin and Hypertension. All 6 previous pregnancies ended in spontaneous vaginal deliveries. This time, she had a planned C/S. She is coping well with the challenges of caring for the twin.





Premature rupture of membrane rescued with Emergency C/S

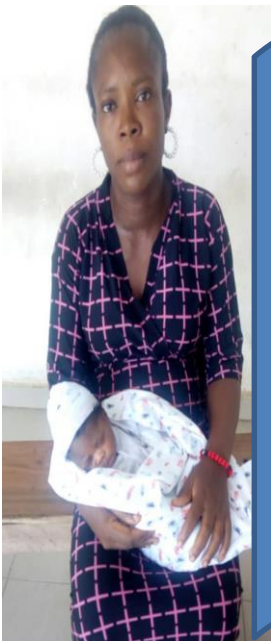
Ruth Dominic, a 35 year old lady in her 3rd pregnancy came in labour with the membranes already ruptured. It means the water that baths the baby had drained out, so baby was at risk. An emergency C/S was undertaken with a good outcome.

C/S for big baby and previous scar

Mary Moses, a 34 year old lady, in her second pregnancy, not registered for Antenatal care with MoMMC presented in labour. Having a previous scar from her first delivery and with findings pointing to a big baby, an emergency C/S was considered. Mother and baby did well.



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Elective caesarian section for 2 previous scars and Big baby

Blessing OLAJIDE is a 33 year old lady who was booked and had her Antenatal care with MoMMC. Due to scars from 2 previous caesarian deliveries it was discussed that the 3rd be a C/S. Any attempt at self delivery was discouraged as the baby appears big. However, she never turned up for the operation at the scheduled time. The C/S was done out of leniency by the Medical Director as she presented 2 weeks later from scheduled date. The outcome was good and the mother and baby did well. This is one among many that hints on some of our challenges. Some people will for whatever (especially religious) reasons see C/S as evil. Nevertheless, our emphasis has remained that safe delivery means “live and healthy mother and child/children” whether by vaginal or caesarian delivery.



Another twin delivery via C/S

Obiageli WAKWEI is a 32 year old who presented in her 4th pregnancy. She had elective caesarian section on account of Hypertension and twin pregnancy. The outcome was good.

These women are grateful beneficiaries of the work compassion God is doing in MoMMC.
Thank God for His grace.

Statistics on Charity

Antenatal care statistics		
Week	New patients	Patients on follow-up
Week 1	07	26
Week 2	05	23
Week 3	06	25
Week 4	04	25
Week 5	04	24
Total	29	128
Grand Total Number of Visits		157
Other Free Consultation (Children below 1 year, orphans and indigents) excluding pregnant women		31
Number of Deliveries		

C-Sections	03
Normal Deliveries	18
Total Births	21
Number Who Received Drugs for Free (Children below 1 year, orphans, pregnant women and indigents)	132
Number Who Had Laboratory Tests for Free	120
Total Number of Free Surgical Procedures	03

THE GOSPEL:

We have the following story of the gospel for the month of October.

Teenager receives the savior after surgery

She came into our care as an emergency. She had no prior registration with our antenatal unit. She was with her first pregnancy and was in obstructed labor. Our team took her through an emergency cesarean section successfully. She did not know the Lord, and her pregnancy was out of wedlock. Before her discharge from the hospital, the gospel of salvation was presented to her. She accepted and openly confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and savior



The gospel continues to be preached to many souls in different forms: one-on-one and in groups during our morning devotional sessions in the hospital. Your prayers continue to be needful. ***Ephesians 6.18-19.***

May we continue to be fruitful in every aspect as a Christian mission medical center by the grace and mercy of God.

Blessings,

Dr. Samuel Alhassan and Dr. Friday Odiba

On behalf of the Medical Director,

MoM Medical Center



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MINISTRY OF MERCY ORPHANAGES

During the month of September, the two locations of MoM Orphanage – Otutulu village and Lokoja received and cared for many orphans and vulnerable people.

- **New arrivals:** MoM Orphanages had 2 new arrivals in the month of September.

- i. Baby David Yusuf joined the Ministry of Mercy orphanage Lokoja on September 16, 2020 for his upkeep following the death of his mother on September 9, 2020. Baby David was born on January 15, 2020.

He hails from Koton-Karfi L.G.A of Kogi State. It was agreed that the baby will be reunited to his biological family after two years.



- ii. MoM orphanage Lokoja received yet another newborn baby Adaki Aliyu on September 21, 2020 who hails from Agum L.G.A of Nasarawa State. He was brought to the orphanage for his upkeep following the death of his mother which resulted from excessive bleeding during delivery. Please pray God's watch over these newborn.



- **Handing Over of Baby Omeiza Bello.** Baby Omeiza was brought to MoM orphanage Lokoja on January 17, 2020 by the Kogi State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (MWASD) for his upkeep pending further investigation. After a period of eight months, the MWASD wrote for his withdrawal and the baby was formally handed over to the MWASD on September 22, 2020.



Omeiza's nanny is emotional about letting him go.

- Baby Mohammed is one of the motherless babies in the care of Mom orphanage Lokoja who came in on March 9, 2020 to be cared for a period of two years following the death of his mother shortly after delivery. He was immediately rushed to the hospital and was on admission for about nine days because he couldn't cry, which was said to be a case of

Neonatal Sepsis and Hypocalcaemia. He also developed seizures with **myoclonic spasms (Jerks)** and was referred to the National Hospital Abuja. The management asked the family to lend a helping hand in going with the baby to the hospital while the orphanage will be responsible for the hospital bills. They apparently accepted and came and took the baby, but surprisingly took the baby and the money they got from the management to the village for herbal treatment.

We are still willing to provide the baby with milk for his upkeep until he is two years of age if that is okay with the family.

Please, pray for God's watch and divine healing over baby Mohammed wherever he is.



Salvation and Baptism: On October 11, 2020, seven of our children, having taken personal decisions to hand their lives to the Lord were accompanied by several brethren to the riverside and had water baptism. Please pray that they may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and be able to stand for the kingdom all the days of their lives.



MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

a. Poultry

During the month of September, we had a drop in egg production by 6-7 crates on daily basis for a period of two weeks. This affected farm sustainability for this period.

We consulted our Vet. who made some recommendations which were promptly carried out, and we are coming up gradually.



b. Crop farming

- i. MoM orphanage Otutulu has continued cassava processing to feed the two locations of the Orphanage – Otutulu and Lokoja.



- ii. MoM orphanage has always utilized her large farmland to provide food for the family. We have planted beans over tens of hectares which will be due for harvest in few months.



c. **Fish pond**

Our fish pond has long been prepared to receive a new set of 2000 fingerlings. This is with the view of improving our children's diet.

Since we have not been able to restock our fishpond, we are currently buying 5 cartons of Ice fish per week to feed our children in the two homes.

Please, pray for resources to sustain the farm.



d. **Piggery:** we have quite a good number of pigs in our piggery. This has continued to be a huge source of meat for our large family.



MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

MoM Christian Academy has resumed full academic activities in accordance with the directive of the Federal Government of Nigeria. This brought smile to the faces of both students and teachers alike. The school calendar and time table have been adjusted to accommodate to workload for the term.



Sincerely yours,

Monday Alidu and Ogijo Joseph

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Appreciate God for His goodness we enjoy at Ministry of Mercy – peace, security, provision, new staff, healing, and salvation.
2. Thank God for every safe child birth and patient recovery at MoMMC.
3. Thank God for his protection from a huge fire accident that occurred in Lokoja few weeks ago. A petrol tanker lost control off the main road and fell. Shortly after, it went up in flames with a mighty explosion. Bodies littered everywhere from the explosion. One of our girls had barely left that area before the accident took place. It is a great deliverance and testimony.
4. Pray for the new orphans admitted into the orphanage in the Month of September. May God grant the resources to raise them.
5. Pray for the converts at MoM Medical Center. May God give them a foundation that will abide. May He heal all their diseases.
7. Please pray for divine provision to enable us continue more for the Lord in the vineyard of the lord.
8. Appreciate God and pray for His blessings upon every supporter of Ministry of Mercy – past, present and future supporters. May their hands never run dry in Jesus name.
9. Please, earnestly pray for Nigeria as a nation. We are going through a trying time. Widespread protests with associated killings.

Thank you for your invaluable continuous partnership in prayers, thanksgiving and giving.

Dr Odiba Friday,

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STAY SAFE!

Ministry of Mercy..., *Love finds a way. 1 Cor. 13:7*

DONATIONS

You are welcome to help more of these kind of people get help however you can: you can help a pregnant woman access a doctor for antenatal consultation and care, or help her give birth in expert medical hands, or help a sick child see a doctor, or any of these under listed services, for free or at an affordable subsidy through your donations as God will enable you. All donations are welcome.

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MoM Medical Center

Maternal Care	Full Cost Waiver in Naira	Full Cost Waiver in USD Current exchange rate averages 362 naira per dollar, but may increase or decrease at any time.
Cesarean section	150,000 naira	\$416.00
Normal delivery	22,000 naira	\$61.00
Antenatal consultation	300 naira per visit	\$0.85
Routine antenatal drugs/medicines	Average 4,000 naira per pregnancy	Average \$11.00
Other Medical Services	Total in 2018: 2,300 naira	Average \$6.35
Pediatrics care - Kids below 1 year and all Orphans	Full Cost Waiver in Naira	Full Cost Waiver in USD
Clinic consultation	300 naira per visit	\$0.85
Ward Review	200 naira per review, average 2-7 reviews per hospital stay	\$0.55 per review
Lab tests	Average of 1500 naira per test, average 3-5 tests per patient	\$4.20
Drugs/medicines	600-5,000 naira per course	\$1.70-\$14.00
Other Medical Services	Total in 2018: 2,300 naira per patient	Average \$6.35
Clinic consultation	150 naira per visit	\$0.40
Ward review	100 naira per review, average 2-7 reviews per hospital stay	\$0.30
Lab tests	Average 750 naira per test, average 3-5 tests per patient	\$2.10

Drugs/medicines	1,500-2,500 naira per course	\$4.14-\$6.91
Other Medical Services	Total in 2018 150 naira	\$0.41
Widows and indigent patients	Cost Reduced According to the Patients' Needs	“Sliding Scale”
All Medical Services	Total in 2018 > 93,760 naira	>\$259.00

MoM Orphanages

Items	quantity	Cost (in naira)	Cost (US dollars)
Infant milk per child for one month	8 tins	24,000	66.30
Diapers for one child for a month	2 packs	8,600	23.76