

# 2021 DECEMBER UPDATE FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



We bring you December 2021 greetings from Ministry of Mercy, Nigeria.

Welcome to our monthly updates from all the three arms of our mission:

- MoM Orphanages
- MoM Christian Academy and
- MoM Medical Center.

Here are some of our stories for the month.

# MINISTRY OF MERCY ORPHANAGES



The two locations of MoM Orphanages – Otutulu village and Lokoja received and cared for many orphans and vulnerable people in the month of December.

- **New arrivals:**

MoM Orphanages had these new arrivals in the month of December.

- Ahmed Sherrif Isah was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage Otutulu on December 4, 2021 for his care and upkeep following the death of his mother during childbirth on November 14, 2021. He will be reunited with his biological family after 2 years.



- On December 18, 2021, Ministry of Mercy Orphanage, Otutulu received Friday Isaiah Joel who was born on December 17, 2021. He was brought to the Orphanage for his care and upkeep following the death of his mother.





- iii. On December 27, 2021, baby Bose Musa was brought to MoM orphanage, Lokoja for her care and upkeep following the death of her mother on December 13, 2021 as a result of complications from childbirth. It was agreed for the child to be reunited with her biological family after two years.



- iv. Baby Miracle Abednigo who was born on December 28, 2021 was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage Otutulu on December 29, 2021 for his care and upkeep following the death of his mother during childbirth. It was agreed for him to be reunited with his biological family after one and half years.



- **Official Handing Over:**

During the course of last month, we handed over 12 of our children back to their biological families as they have reached the agreed duration of assistance signed at the time of their admission. Four of them are 18 years of age while the remaining eight are a little bit over 2 years. Please, pray that they will grow to know and accept Jesus as their personal Lord and savior even as they go to live with their unbelieving families.





- **Uncle Monday Weds Francisca!**

Mr. Monday Alidu (fondly called Uncle Monday or Big Uncle by the orphans) got married on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2021. He is a pioneer staff of the Lokoja branch of the Ministry of Mercy Orphanage, and has worked there tirelessly for several years. He did not join the organization as a staff, rather, he himself grew up in the orphanage from early childhood and now serves as the Lokoja branch coordinator. Little did he know he would meet the love of his life in this vine yard of the Lord.

Miss Francisca Shuaibu, on the other hand is a lovely beautiful Christian lady who is a community health extension worker. Divine providence brought her to Ministry of Mercy Medical Center where she has been working dutifully (interestingly, she was part of the team that delivered our first baby of 2022, just two weeks after her wedding. See cover photo). MoM Medical Center is located in the same premises with our Lokoja orphanage where Uncle Monday works as coordinator.



Long story made short, Uncle Monday woke up from his deep sleep of many years to find near him in the same premises, “the bone of his bones and the flesh of his flesh. She shall be called Mrs Francisca Alidu”.

By the Grace of God, we were able to hold the wedding ceremony of our big Uncle and his dearly beloved wife Francisca on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2021. Many members

of the MoM family, both young and old were in attendance. Praying that the good Lord will build for them a home where he will rule and reign as king.

They both continue to work in Ministry of Mercy at Lokoja, where they previously lived as neighbors, but now together as a lovely couple.

# MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

## a. Poultry

- i. **Layers:** there has been a drop in egg production lately and we are now picking an average of 6 crates from our poultry on daily basis which is being used in feeding our



children in the two homes- Otutulu and Lokoja. This has significantly improved our children's diet.

- ii. Our broilers were a major source of meat during the Christmas celebration. We almost exhausted all that we had and are now planning on booking for a new set of 100.



**b. Fish Pond:**

We are already consuming the first set of 2000 fingerlings we got in August. It is being used in feeding our children in the two homes. This has greatly improved the nutritional need of our children. The last set we received are fast growing and would be ready for consumption before we exhaust the older ones.





c. **Crop Farm:** we were able to harvest our beans and are now processing in order for it to be used in feeding our children.



**Best Regards,**

**Alidu Monday, Sabo Yunusa and Ogijoh Joseph.**

# MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



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Ministry of Mercy Christian Academy conducted terminal examination for her students and went on Christmas holidays on December 17. School is reopening for academic activities on January 10 2022 for second term of the 2021/2022 academic session.



## Daycare Program

Our daycare program continues to thrive. Thank God for HIS Grace. We trust HIM for continued supplies.



Sincerely yours,

***Monday Alidu, Sabo Yunusa and Ogijo Joseph***



# MINISTRY OF MERCY MEDICAL CENTER



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:

## 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**. **16** women had **child deliveries virtually free of charge** within the month, **five** of these was a **super-subsidized cesarean section**. This is in addition to **several orphans** who also had **medical services free of charge**. Few of these stories and statistics are summarized below.

### Tosin Aishat DAVID

She is a 30 year old **MoMMC staff**, a mother of 2 in her 3<sup>rd</sup> pregnancy. Antenatal care was essentially uneventful. She had a premature rupture of membranes with fetal distress. Hence, she had a live female neonate through an emergency CS. Mother and baby are doing.



**Oluwaseun FOLORUNJO**, A mother of 2 in her 3<sup>rd</sup> pregnancy who presented at 32 weeks of gestation with Placenta previa (condition in which placenta covers the opening of the cervix and results in bleeding before birth). She had a live preterm male neonate weighing 1.8Kg via emergency CS. Mother and baby are doing well.



### **Deborah AFOLABI**

A 31 year old with twin in her first pregnancy. Leading twin was in breech presentation. Had a live male and a female neonate via elective CS. Mother and babies are doing well.



### **Blessing NEHEMIAH**

A 23 year old in her first pregnancy who presented with prolonged labor, maternal exhaustion and fetal distress. Findings during the emergency CS were obstructed labor and dead male fetus. Along with her husband she has been counseled to ensure proper ANC in next pregnancy. She is doing well.



**Patience PROSPER**, 25 year old mother of 1 who presented with excessive bleeding in her 2<sup>nd</sup> pregnancy. Abruptio placentae, dead male fetus and clots of blood were the findings in the Uterus during the emergency CS. She is doing well.





**Azumi AGWAS**, 20 year old in her first pregnancy who presented with prolonged labor. No formal antenatal care. Emergency CS findings were; obstructed labor and dead fetus. Along with her husband she has been counseled to ensure proper ANC in next pregnancy. She is doing well.



### **Statistics on Charity Services**

<b>Antenatal care statistics</b>	
<b>Week</b>	<b>Number of patients</b>
Week 1	30
Week 2	15
Week 3	22
Week 4	30
Week 5	13
Total	110
<b>Grand Total Number of Visits</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>Other Free Consultation (Children below 1 year, orphans and indigents) excluding pregnant women</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Number of Deliveries</b>	
C-Sections	05
Normal Deliveries	11
<b>Total Births</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Number Who Received Drugs for Free (Children below 1 year, orphans, pregnant women and indigents)</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Number Who Had Laboratory Tests for</b>	<b>40</b>

<b>Free</b>	
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**Preventive Primary Health Care:**

<b>Immunizations (within the hospital)</b>	
Number of children immunized	62
Number of doses received	167
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	32
Number of doses	32
<b>Contraception:</b>	
Women received contraceptives	nil

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## GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

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

**Florence IFEOLUWA**, A 40 year old mother of 1 with multiple Fibroids. Had a successful myomectomy. She is doing well.



### Thankgod JOB

A 2 year old with right Inguinoscrotal hernia. Had a successful herniorrhaphy. He is doing well.



### Sabiu IBRAHIM

A 50 year old Fulani man with right Inguinoscrotal hernia. Had a successful herniorrhaphy. He is doing well.





## General Healthcare Statistics

### General

<b>General out-patient department visits</b>	
<b>Old</b>	<b>251</b>
<b>New</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>328</b>
<b>Ward admissions</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Surgical procedures</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total no. who received drugs</b>	<b>256</b>
<b>Total number of laboratory tests done</b>	<b>515</b>
<b>Number of transfusions</b>	<b>12</b>

## THE GOSPEL

Our regular morning devotions and ward evangelism have continued as usual. Attendance has been very good.

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

Sincerely yours,

**Dr. Samuel Alhassan, Dr. Friday Odiba and Pastor James A. Ogwuche**

**On behalf of the Medical Director,**

**MoM Medical Center**



**Dr. W. A. S. Omale, MD**

**Consultant Ophthalmologist and Medical Director,**

**MoM Medical Center**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. Thank God for a great journey from January to December 2021. Every single soul - our orphans and staff at our orphanages – was sustained by the Almighty.
2. Pray for the four new orphan intakes in the month of December, 2021. Ask that God will care for them physically and spiritually until they are established in HIS will.
3. Thank God for the 12 children who were successfully handed over to their families, after caring for them for several years. Pray that HIS perfect eye will go after them wherever they go for the rest of their lives.
4. Thank God for successful medical services at MoM Medical Center. Thank HIM for every safe child delivery there.
5. MoM recently engaged an OB/GYN specialist in addition to the other specialists we have. We are thankful to God for this. Please pray for a harmonious working relationship. Keep praying for more helping hands to join us as we need more caregivers to help us take care of the many orphaned babies at Ministry of Mercy Orphanages in Otutulu and Lokoja.
6. The monthly staff salaries of our caregivers, our teachers as well as our medical staff/health workers has significantly increased as we engage more staff. Please pray for sufficient supplies.
7. Pray that the Lord continues to add more souls steadily from our Sunday school classes, the services of the Ministry of Mercy Medical Centre as well as the Ministry of Mercy Christian Academy and from our various youth programs.
8. Please continue to pray for our building project which is to accommodate more staff on the property and to provide a standard dining and kitchen for the occupants. May resources not be a limiting factor for this project.
9. Thank God for every source of supply for MoM. It shall never run dry in Jesus name.



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

Sincerely yours,

**Dr. ODIBA Friday,  
For the Publicity Unit,  
Ministry of Mercy, Nigeria.**

**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 an orphan get a meal, diapers, infant formula/milk, clothes; you can help a pregnant woman access a doctor for expert 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**

<b>Maternal Care</b>	<b>Full Cost Waiver in Naira</b>	<b>Full Cost Waiver in USD</b> 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
<b>Pediatrics care - Kids below 1 year and all Orphans</b>	<b>Full Cost Waiver in Naira</b>	<b>Full Cost Waiver in USD</b>
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
<b>Other Medical Services</b>	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
<b>Other Medical Services</b>	Total in 2018 150 naira	\$0.41
<b>Widows and indigent patients</b>	<b>Cost Reduced According to the Patients' Needs</b>	<b>"Sliding Scale"</b>
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

**Here are options of the links through which you can send in your donations**

**Through EQUIP CANADA:**

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/equipping-christian-workers-society/#donate-now-pane>

**Through EQUIP USA:**

<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/equipinternational>

**Through Partners in Joy (PiJ):**

[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=5XJ6GYTCC36N8&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=5XJ6GYTCC36N8&source=url)

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