

2022 FEBRUARY UPDATE FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



We bring you February 2022 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 February.

New arrivals:

MoM Orphanages had 3 new arrivals in the month of February.

1. Ministry of Mercy Orphanage Otutulu received baby Ojonugwa Alih on February 2, 2022 for her upkeep following the death of her mother. Ojonugwa hails from a Christian home in Kogi State. She will be reunited with her biological family after 2 years.



2. Baby Favour Onjefu was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage Otutulu on February 10, 2022 for her care and upkeep following the death of her mother. Favour hails from a Christian home in Benue state. She will be reunited with her biological family after 2 years.



3. Baby Miracle Dangara was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage Otutulu on February 25, 2022 for her care and upkeep following the death of his mother. Miracle hails from Bassa LGA, Kogi State. He will be reunited with her biological family after two years.



Handing over of children

Three motherless children were handed over to their biological parents after they have completed the agreed time (i.e. two years).

1. Ojonide Mercy Aaron who hails from Abocho-Ojogba, Dekina LGA, Kogi state, was handed over to her biological parent on February 5, 2022.



2. Abdurrahman Musa who hails from Ugwolawo, Ofu LGA, Kogi State, was handed over to her biological parent on February 26, 2022.



3. Alami Davina Salifu who hails from Ogbogbo, Igalamela Odolu LGA, Kogi State, was handed over to her biological parent on February 26, 2022.



MoM CLINIC, OTUTULU

- Isaac James one of our children with ulcer on his foot is improving. Remarkable healing has been achieved.



- One of our little children was brought to the clinic on February 19, 2022, with swelling around the inguinal region, especially when he is crying. This subsides after a while. He has been referred to our medical headquarters, MoM Medical Center in Lokoja for diagnosis and treatments.



- Japhet Joseph of about a year old, who was diagnosed with cerebral palsy is showing some improvements by coordinating his head and limbs, also he sits with little support.



- Some other of our children are faced some health challenges. Their major cases were diarrhea and vomiting. Thanks be to God for their healing after they received treatments.



MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

Poultry

Layers: there is a notable reduction in the egg production of the layers due to their old age and other factors.



Fish pond: Some of the fishes are matured for consumption while some are yet to. They are a great protein source to our children.



Crop farm: It is cashew season again. We are out harvesting again. Cashew is a cash crop in our communities. We pray for God's blessings on our efforts.



Best Regards,

Alidu Monday, Sabo Yunusa and Ogijoh Joseph.

MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



On February 23, 2022, MoM Christian Academy carried out her WAEC CASS (Continuous Assessment Score Capturing System) registration for the SSS 3 students. This is necessary for the forth-coming WAEC.



Daycare Program

Our daycare program has been largely successful. Praise God. Funding is a challenge. We continue to pray that the Lord will provide.



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**. **6** women had **child deliveries virtually free of charge** within the month; **one** 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.

Grace MATTHEW, 21 in her 2nd pregnancy. Had uneventful ANC but was counseled for Caesarian section due to liquor drainage and expected big baby. She however objected but accepted 2 days later after a prolonged non progressive labour. She had a live male fetus weighing 4.8Kg with compound presentation (hands below the head in cephalic presentation). Mother and baby are doing well.



Kudirat YUSUF, a 29 year old in her third pregnancy. She was carefully followed up as the outcome of her 2nd pregnancy was still fresh in our memory. Her first baby died shortly after delivery. For the 2nd delivery she was booked for elective CS on account of macrosomia but delayed in presentation as the husband insisted on a vaginal delivery elsewhere. She presented only when the labour was prolonged and the fetus was in distress. The baby delivered via emergency CS was severely asphyxiated and died a few minutes later. MoMMC staff were sorrowful but went ahead to encourage and pray for her. It was a great news when the 3rd pregnancy was confirmed. She had a caesarian delivery at the 36th week gestation



Statistics on Charity Services

Preventive Primary Health Care:

Antenatal care statistics		
Week	Number of patients	
Week 1	10	21
Week 2	08	22
Week 3	06	32
Week 4	05	27
Week 5		
Total	29	102
Grand Total Number of Visits		131
Other Free Consultation (Children below 1 year, orphans and indigents) excluding pregnant women		
Number of Deliveries		
C-Sections		02
Normal Deliveries		11
Total Births		13
Number Who Received Drugs for Free (Children below 1 year, orphans, pregnant women and indigents)		
Number Who Had Laboratory Tests for Free		89

Immunizations (within the hospital)	
Number of children immunized	79
Number of doses received	214
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	32
Number of doses	32
Contraception:	
Women received contraceptives	01

GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

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

Omolara Yetunde AHMED, 26 years old Lady who presented with abdominal pain, fever and nausea. Was diagnosed of Appendicitis. She had a successful appendectomy and she is doing well.



Sunday GABRIEL, 3 year old boy with a left Hydrocele (a fluid sac around a testicle often noticed as swelling of the scrotum). Had a successful repair. He is doing well.



Abubakar SULTAN a 3 year old boy with a bilateral scrotal Hydrocele (a fluid sac around a testicle often noticed as swelling of the scrotum). Had a successful repair. He is doing well.



Baje TEGERI, 66 year old man with left Inguinal Hernia. Had a successful herniorrhaphy. He is doing well.



Blessing DEKINA (We told this story in a special report few weeks ago): She was a 10 day old baby girl who was brought into the orphanage on the 3rd day of life after losing her mother following excessive bleeding after birth. She sustained injury to her rectum and the anal region from the assistance rendered to aid delivery. The pediatric surgeon and his team set to work immediately and commenced the operation which was supposed to be in 3 stages. She showed good signs of recovery and looked promising but on the 9th day of life her clinical condition started deteriorating. She succumbed to death on the 10th day of life most likely due to overwhelming sepsis. This was particularly painful as we had lost 2 children earlier in the week. It has never happened this way and so the sweet home of children was thrown into silence. But we have encouraged ourselves in the Lord.

Paul ALUKO, a 62 year old man brought to the hospital with diagnosis of Stroke secondary to Severe Hypertension and Diabetes Mellitus type 2. He was managing a left femoral fracture over 2 years. The condition was not only unstable but very critical. He slipped into coma and died the next day. The patient was said to have been a former banker who fell from grace to grass. In his trying times he became a friend of the orphanage and assisted in driving the vehicle. The thought of having 2 mentally challenged young men as sons was also part of the trials of this man. The proprietor of Ministry of Mercy heard of his condition but very late and that was when he sent the ambulance to move him to the hospital. Though he eventually died despite our efforts, demonstration of the love of Christ was clearly our message. The proprietor took charge of the mortuary bills and assisted the family in the course of the burial.

General Health Statistics:

General out-patient department visits	Number
Old	239
New	67
Total	306
Ward admissions	39
Surgical procedures	
Total no. who received drugs	219
Total number of laboratory tests done	635
Number of transfusions	04

THE GOSPEL

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

PLEASE PRAY with us as we await more fruits from our gospel work among patients and relatives.

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 every goodness of God we have experienced in the orphanages so far. We can't quantify them. We can only praise Him.
2. Pray for the three new orphans (Ojonugwa, Favour and Miracle) intakes in the month of February, 2022. Ask that God will care for them physically and spiritually until they are established in HIS will.
3. Please pray for the orphans Ojonide, Abdurrahman and Alami) who were handed over back to their families of birth that the eyes of the Lord will continue to watch over them beyond the walls of our orphanage.
4. Please pray that God will console our hearts over the series of bereavements in the orphanage we experienced during the month.
5. Please keep praying for financial supplies for the monthly staff salaries of our caregivers, our teachers as well as our medical staff/health workers.
6. 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.
7. 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. We pray that resources not be a limiting factor for this project.
8. Please pray for Nigeria as a country which is facing worsening economic crises. We pray that for the sake of God's purpose for the country, things will turn around for good soon.

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

Sincerely yours,

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

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