

2019 APRIL AT MOM MEDICAL CENTER LOKOJA.

Greetings to you from us at MoM Medical Center. Grace be multiplied to you in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. We hope you and yours are doing very fine in the Joy of the Lord. April 2019 is filled with the acts of the Lord at MoM Medical Center. As usual, the month's update is presented along the paths of the three main domains of our activities at our mission hospital – General healthcare, Charity and the Gospel.

We have the following few selected stories and relevant statistics:

GENERAL HEALTHCARE:

1. **Multiple Fibroids Removed from a Woman.** On 17th of April, multiple fibroids were taken out



of 46-year-old, a school teacher who has been married to a pastor for several years without ability to have children. From the sizes and number of fibroid seedlings removed at surgery, we have every reason to believe that her infertility has been as a result of the presence of these fibroids. She is still hopeful that she will have children. We join her in hope and faith. May the good Lord turn her story around for good in Jesus name. We pray the Lord to visit this godly family with the desire of their hearts.

2. **More fibroids removed from a 35-year-old.** On 19th April, another woman had multiple



fibroids removed from her womb. She is a few months old in marriage, fortunate to have conceived at a point but had a miscarriage most likely due to the presence of these fibroids. Surgery was lengthy, tedious but successful – 18 fibroids removed! We commit the rest into the hands of God. May He visit the family with successful conception and delivery very

soon in Jesus Name.

3. **Retrocecal Appendix Removed from a Teenager.** On the 17th of April, a 19-year-old girl underwent an appendectomy. Her initial evaluation when she first came in gave us a



misleading impression of her diagnosis. Abdominal ultrasound suggested a psoas abscess – a collection of pus in one of the muscle sheaths located in the lower aspect of the posterior abdominal wall, extending to the upper part of the femur. The next best investigation was a CT (computed tomography) scan. Unfortunately, this test is not available in the entire state. Surgical exploration was our next decision. Intra-op, we discovered something different! A retrocecal, inflamed appendix (appendix located at an unusual site – behind the cecum) with perforation of part of the small intestine! These were the things mimicking the symptoms of a psoas abscess. Appendectomy was done while the intestinal perforation was corrected. She has recuperated well and discharged in the ward. We pray against every post-operative complication in Jesus name.

4. Two New Staff Joins the Work Force at MoM Medical Center. Joseph got employed with MoM



Medical Center in April 2019. He is a community health extension worker, fresh graduate. Last year Joseph had his Industrial Training attachment at our hospital for 3 months before going back to complete his academic program in school. He is not new to the MoM family. His coming back to join us fully is like a re-union. **Bisiola** is a clinical assistant newly employed at MoM Medical



Center. We pray that their work at MoM Medical Center will bring more fruitfulness in Jesus name.

5. **Young Man relieved of Inguinal Hernia.** On 15th of April, a 20-year-old had right sided hernia



repair. He is a senior high school student who sponsors his own education through a lot of manual crop farming. This significant and persistent physical exertion may have produced or aggravated his health challenge (this is common with inguinal hernias). He was incapacitated by this health condition, and came to us. Herniorrhaphy was successfully carried out for him (Most of the cost borne by our mother mission, MoM). He is required to stay out of strenuous activity for at least 6 – 12 months to avoid a recurrence of the hernia. He is worried about how to sustain his financial income without farming for this long. We pray that divine providence sustain him for this period and beyond. Thank God for successful surgery.

On the whole (for general healthcare), we had 283 clinic visits, 36 ward admissions, 17 surgical procedures, 9 child deliveries, 56 children received immunized, amongst others

CHARITY:

1. **Free C-Section for Uterine Rupture from Previous Uterine Scar.** A 17-year-old pregnant woman



escaped death with her baby on 15th of April. This is her second pregnancy (first pregnancy was few years ago but ended as a still birth through a cesarean section). This second pregnancy required another C-section because of her previous surgical uterine scar. But due to her previous experience of a still birth she became apprehensive when we offered her another c-section. However, with much encouragement she consented. Two days to the planned C-Section she developed vaginal bleeding. Elective C-Section turned into emergency surgery!

We immediately wheeled her into the operating theater and had surgery. Intra-op, it was discovered that her uterus had ruptured from the previous C-Section scar. Through the help of God, surgery was successful. We came out with a live woman and live baby girl weighing 3.4kg. Thank God for successful procedure just in time! She is a Muslim from the Fulani tribe. Please pray for her spiritual deliverance, even as God has granted her physical deliverance.

2. **27-Year-Old Primipara had C-section.** on 3rd April this young woman had to go through surgery to have her baby due to prolonged labor. Six days earlier she had come in labor pains which turned out to be a false labor (common with women in first pregnancies like her own) and later discharged. She now has her live baby girl weighing 3kg.

3. **Free C-section for suspected fetal macrosomia with previous uterine scar.**

On 19th April, a 34-year-old was delivered of her second baby through a C-section, yielding a live baby boy weighing 3.1 kg. about 5 hours after surgery, she developed severe life-threatening uterine hemorrhage. Timely intervention brought the hemorrhage to a stop, but she had to be stabilized with blood transfusion.



4. **Free C-section for Placenta Previa Due to Previous Uterine Scar.** A 30-year-old woman had her



second baby (also her second C-section) on 26th April on account of placenta previa (abnormal location of the of the placenta covering part of or the entire outlet of the womb). A previous uterine C-section scar, like this woman had, is a known predisposing factor to the occurrence of placenta previa. This condition is associated with a number of possible obstetric complications such as ante-partum bleeding (with risk of fetal demise) and difficulty with child delivery due to fetal obstruction. Through the help of God, she had a successful surgery, yielding a live baby girl weighing 3.2 kg. Praise God!

5. **Severely Malnourished Baby Brought Taken in by MoM Improves Greatly.** It can be recalled



from our March newsletter that Larietu, an 11-month old girl was brought to MoM severely malnourished from significant maternal deprivation due to mother's chronic ill-health. She was brought with swelling of both legs, scanty fluffy hair, and easily irritable. The

family is seriously financially challenged. She was admitted and treated free of charge. Larietu has remarkably improved. She is no more the irritable kid when she was first brought to us, but now a very cheerful and playful child. She has been discharged from the hospital into our orphanage home, accommodated with her mother and siblings, to be catered for like the orphans. Her parents are very grateful. Praise God for His grace.



6. **Another Severely Malnourished Baby Finds Care at MoM Medical Center.** Gwatana is a 5



month old boy from a nearby village, severely malnourished from poor feeding. He lives with his mother while father lives in another town, unable to cater for his family. Source of livelihood is a problem. Gwatana was brought to MoM medical center because of his deteriorating health condition. This got to the notice of MoM's proprietor who instructed that he be taken as one of MoM's children. They have been granted accommodation in the orphanage home for better feeding and proximity to follow-up healthcare after discharge. He is improving remarkably. His mother is really grateful for the loving kindness shown them at MoM. We pray that God will finish what He has begun in the life of Gwatana

in Jesus name.

On the whole (for charity), 9 women had free child birth, 5 of whom were cesarean sections. 116 free consultations (for children below 1 year, orphans and pregnant women), 4 consultations with half cost waiver, 11 free surgical procedures, free drugs dispensed to 119 people (pregnant women, children below 1 year and orphans), 20 people received drugs at half cost waiver, 20 free lab investigations (for orphans, children below 1 year), 8 tests at half cost waiver for children 1–5 years.

THE GOSPEL:

Pregnant Teenager Surrenders Her Life to Christ! Christabel (not her real name) is a 16-year-old high school student who was brought to MoM Medical Center with a 7-month pregnancy, requiring hospital admission due to premature leakage of amniotic fluid. She is not married, but got pregnant for a young man who is a Muslim. Both of her parents are Christians but she was not yet born again. When asked if



she had ever given her life to Christ, she clearly said “NO” in response. The evening before her discharge from the hospital, the gospel of salvation was presented to her. Amidst streaming tears, she surrendered her young life to the Savior! And, unlike many girls here, she believes that her marital and educational destiny will not be tied down by this pregnancy. She will overcome it, put it behind her and be restored back to God’s plan for her life because she has received mercy from God. We earnestly pray for her safety for the

rest of her pregnancy days, and child delivery. Please pray also for this girl that God will establish her in His kingdom and make the rest of her life count for God.

The gospel of salvation also was delivered to other patients as well. We keep praying for more fruitfulness in this task of the Great Commission. May we bear fruit that will remain in Jesus name.

Thanks for being a faithful partner in prayers.

Blessings!

Yours in Him,

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Love finds a way... 1 Cor. 13:7

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.

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

Kids aged 1 – 5 years	Half Cost Waiver in Naira. The parents pay the other half.	Half Cost Waiver in USD
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