

2019 FEBRUARY AT MOM MEDICAL CENTER LOKOJA.

Greetings to you from us at MoM Medical Center. We hope you are doing well today. We are happy to be able to finally bring you 2019 February MoM Medical Center update despite the long delay (unexpected hitches caused this delay). Just like we mentioned in the January update, we'll be reporting along 3 major lines of activities: General healthcare, charity and the gospel. These are the three main pillars upon which our mission hospital is rested

For the month's report we have the following few selected stories and relevant statistics:

GENERAL HEALTHCARE:

Epigastric Hernia Repair in an Elderly Man. On the 8th of February an 84-year-



old farmer came to us with an epigastric hernia (protrusion of abdominal contents through a defect in the wall of the upper abdomen). The defect must have been congenital, but did not manifest until this



time. There was associated severe pain, which was really why he came. The only valid solution to his case was surgery which was carried out for him by our team. He is now fine, and discharged home.

Appendectomy for a 22-Year-Old. On 22nd of February, a 9-cm long inflamed



vermiform appendix was surgically taken out of one of our female patients at MoM Medical Center. She had suffered pains from this for quite some time until she came to us, and had her relief.

On the whole, we had 225 clinic visits, 28 ward admissions, 10 surgical procedures, 14 child deliveries, 26 children received immunized, amongst others

CHARITY:

Three Women Undergo Cesarean Section Deliveries Free of Charge.

1. **Elderly Primigravida Gives Birth.** On the 11th of February, a 40-year-old lawyer had a C-section to have her first baby at MoM Medical Center. Her pregnancy was a very precious one (all pregnancies are precious though)



because she had waited till age 40 before getting married, and God ushered her into her marriage with an immediate pregnancy. Despite her residence in Abuja where the most highly specialized healthcare is available in the country, she chose to come to us at MoM Medical Center (after hearing of our services) to have her baby. Going through her first experience of labor at age of 40 was not easy. After some time of trial, an emergency C-section became the necessary intervention when it was obvious natural delivery might pose some danger both to her and her baby. She now has a handsome baby boy whom she loves so much. Birth weight was 3kg. Mother and baby are fine. They have since been discharged from the hospital.

2. **Consoled with a New Baby After Loss of a Child.** On

21st of February, a 23-year-old had a 2.7kg baby girl by C-section at MoM Medical Center. She could have had the surgery elsewhere but for the financial constraints. This is her second C-section. The first was few years earlier on account of hypertension in pregnancy. But very painfully, the child died from a



home accident (a shelf fell on him and killed him). The safe arrival of this second baby has really consoled the couple. Mother and baby are doing very fine. They have been discharged home. Praise God for his mercies.

3. **C-Section On Account of Pre-Eclampsia.** On 24th of February, a 20-year-



old in her second pregnancy at about 38 weeks' gestational age had a safe delivery of her first baby via surgery due to uncontrolled elevated blood pressure (her first pregnancy had ended as a miscarriage at only 3 months' gestation). She came to us because she could not afford the cost of surgery which she needed. Thank God

for a place like MoM Medical Center which bails such women out. Surgery was successful. she now has a bouncy baby boy, weighing 2.6kg. Mother and baby are fine.

On the whole, 14 women had free child birth. 108 Free consultations (for children below 1 year, orphans and pregnant women), 14 consultations with half cost waiver, 8 free surgical procedures, free drugs dispensed to 113 people (pregnant women, children below 1 year and orphans), 21 people received drugs at half cost waiver, 47 free lab investigations (for orphans, children below 1 year), 2 tests at half cost waiver for children 1-5 years.

THE GOSPEL:

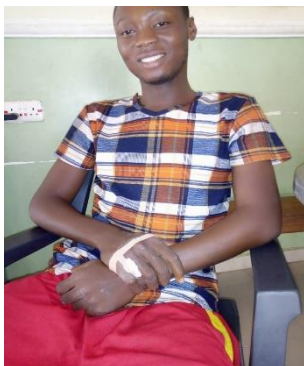
A Patient's Father Receives Christ in the Hospital!

Seidu was a Muslim before he came to MoM Medical Center in February. He brought his newborn to us few days after birth for emergency care. The baby boy, whose mother had no antenatal care, was delivered at home via natural means but failed to cry at birth, and continued to deteriorate. Few days into his hospital admission the baby



remarkably improved in health. It was at this point the gospel was presented to his father, Seidu. He returned the following day, after giving much thought to the gospel, and accepted the Word whole heartedly. He immediately changed his name to John. By the help of God his baby did well and was discharged. He was given a new Bible as a present, which he received with great excitement. With the help of our follow-up team, he was taken to church with his family the following Sunday. Praise God for His saving Grace. Please pray that God will develop this family in the knowledge of Him.

22-year old Muslim receives Christ. Abubakar came to us with a severe hand infection which was taking over his entire right hand. Earnest treatment was



commenced on him including a minor surgery. To the glory of God, he began to recuperate fast. The gospel of salvation was presented to him. After few days of discussions with him, he received the gospel whole heartedly. On his own, he also changed his name to Samuel. He was given a new Bible as a gift. The last Sunday

he spent in the hospital before discharge he attended church service in our chapel. He is a changed man forever. Please pray for his growth spiritually.

The gospel of salvation also was delivered to many of other patients as God brought them our way, some of whom are yet to make a decision to accept the Lord. We pray that the Spirit of God will finish His work in their hearts.

We pray that God will continue to make us bear fruit and that our fruit will abide (John 15:16) as we abide in Him.

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
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		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	\$4.2
Drugs/medicines	600-5,000 naira per course	\$1.7-\$14.0
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	\$0.4
Ward review	100 naira per review, average 2-7 reviews per hospital stay	\$0.3
Lab tests	Average 750 naira per test, average 3-5 tests per patient	\$2.1
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	>\$259.0
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