

2019 JULY UPDATES FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.

Greetings to you from all of us at Ministry of Mercy, Nigeria Inc. We hope all is going well with you this season. God is doing so much in all the arms of our mission (MoM Medical Center, MoM Orphanages and MoM Christian Academy). Our update for the month of July carries lots of these stories. We're hopeful that, from these updates you'll see reasons to give thanks, as well as earnestly intercede. God bless you as you journey through the pages below.

MoM MEDICAL CENTER

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

GENERAL HEALTHCARE:

1. **MoM Medical Center Carries Out Surgery On Her Youngest Major Surgical Patient So Far:** 27-day old Samuel underwent herniotomy plus appendectomy in one surgery! The little baby was



brought into the emergency with a strangulated inguinal hernia. Hear the story as narrated by the surgeon himself: "A 27 day old neonate by name Wisdom Mark presented with abdominal distension, inflamed inguinoscrotal swelling. A diagnosis of obstructed congenital right inguinoscrotal hernia was made. Patient was placed on intravenous antibiotics, intravenous fluids and a nasogastric tube was passed. Surgery revealed a hernia with a caecum and gangrenous appendix. Appendectomy and herniotomy were done" Dr. **Omale W. A. S. MD, lead surgeon.**

This baby recuperated well post operatively and was subsequently discharged home for subsequent follow-up. Praise God.

2. **Chronic Non-Healing Leg Ulcer:** Isa Martha is a 60-year-old woman with leg ulcer of about 7



years' duration. First presented last year during which period the ulcer was severely infected with maggots. She was treated – had wound dressing, blood transfusion, antibiotics and several lab investigations for about a month before she was discharged on request. She presented again this month with the same leg ulcer which was yet to heal but had been giving her pains and sleepless nights. She was subsequently admitted, commenced on analgesics, antibiotics and wound dressing. **Dr. Omale M.D.**

Please pray for this woman to receive divine intervention for this highly discomforting state of health. She is to be reviewed by the plastic surgeon soon.

3. **Ulcerated Right Breast Cancer:** Abdul Fitumi, a 45-year-old premenopausal para 3 (1 alive)



woman who presented with ulcerated right breast lesion of 1-year duration. The breast swelling which initially began as a small mass with skin changes has been rapidly progressive and painless. It subsequently ulcerated and became wider as time went on. There is associated weight loss and pain within the last month and the wound surface has been discharging pus. She was commenced on antibiotics, analgesics and wound dressing. She had a breast biopsy done which showed

invasive ductal carcinoma (a form of breast cancer). She has been worked up for chemotherapy, presently awaiting procurement of cytotoxic drugs. **Dr. Omale M.D.**

Please pray for her to receive God's healing touch.

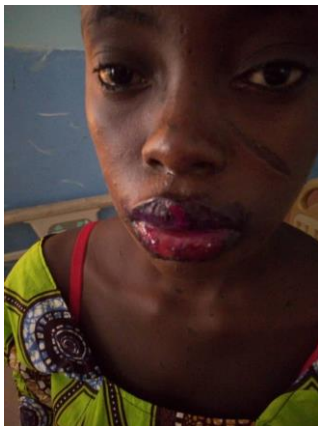
4. **Patient with Ruptured Appendix Operated Successfully:** A 19-year-old who was rushed into



MoM Medical Center 4th July 2019 with severe abdominal pain. A diagnosis of acute abdomen due to ruptured appendix was made. An inflamed appendix that is not yet ruptured can be quite an emergency to deal with. But a ruptured appendix is a different thing

altogether. Hospitals switch to their highest gear when faced with this type to prevent the certain dangerous sequel of intraabdominal and systemic dissemination of infectious fluid. The MoM Medical center team swung into action, led by **Dr. Omale**, the head surgeon. The patient was saved. However, several days after his surgery, operation site was noticed to be infected. Post-operative wound infection and dehiscence is a feared complication in ruptured appendix. Nearly 100mls of pus was subsequently drained from the site after removal of stitches. Repeated dressing and prolonged antibiotic care was given until the wound healed up with the aid of secondary suturing. The patient has been discharged home.

5. Erythema Multiforme Major in a Young Woman. Otherwise known as Steven-Johnson



syndrome, this condition results from exposure to certain categories of drugs in some individuals. This patient got some antibiotics for herself a few days earlier for a “minor” illness, but soon discovered eruptions all over her lips and edges of her eyelids. The inner mucus membranes – respiratory tract, the gastrointestinal tract etc. – were also ulcerated, making her develop cough and finding feeding difficult. Her initial action of self-medication with antibiotics was inappropriate, but remaining at home for further self-care would have been worse off. Coming to the hospital following the drug eruptions was definitely the right next step to take, and she found this really rewarding when the necessary therapeutic measures were taken with resultant healing. This is the first case of Steven-Johnson syndrome recorded in Ministry of Mercy Medical Center since inception over 2 years ago.

On the whole (for general healthcare), we had **446** clinic visits, **46** ward admissions, **64** people received immunization, **12** surgical procedures, **12** child deliveries, drugs dispensed to **598** patients, **508** laboratory tests done, **3** blood transfusions amongst others.

CHARITY:

A lot of free care was given to several patients, some of whom could not have been able to afford it on their own. Few of these services are narrated below:

1. **The 27-day old** operated for both strangulated inguinal hernia and necessitated appendectomy as mentioned above was operated for free according to our policy of free services for certain age categories
2. **Twelve Women Received Free Child Birth Delivery Services at Our Hospital in The Month of July.** Thankfully, none of them had to go through cesarean section to give birth. They all had natural delivery. This means shorter hospital stay for these women. We have the story of one of them narrated below.

Fatima, a 34-year-old would have been the only one among these 12 women to have undergone a caesarean section because she already had a previous uterine surgical scar from a previous C-section, which in itself is a significant risk factor for another C-section. She is one of our registered antenatal patients. Everything went well during the antenatal days up to the day she went into labor. Labor was getting prolonged, increasing her chances of going through surgery, but she was suddenly relieved when her baby came forth naturally – a live beautiful baby girl weighing 3kg. Thanks to God for his mercies.



On the whole (for charity), **12** women had free child birth, **164** free consultations (for children below 1 year, orphans, indigent patients and pregnant women), **10** free surgical procedures, free drugs dispensed to **149** people (pregnant women, children below 1 year and orphans), **119** free lab investigations (for orphans, children below 1 year and indigent patients).

THE GOSPEL:

1. **Woman Gives Her Life Back to Christ After Her Daughter's Conversion!** A woman (let's call her



Maryam) brought her sick daughter to MoM medical center the previous month. They had a long hospital stay because of the seriousness of her daughter's illness. Fortunately for them, her daughter pulled through surgery successfully, and also gave her life to the Lord after the gospel was preached to her. While they were



getting ready for discharge we also decided to present the gospel to her (the mother). In the course of this, it was discovered that she was raised as a Muslim but she had once decided to follow Christ. She, however, returned to Islam because of a dream she had, showing her that her late father who had died as a Muslim was annoyed with her decision to follow Christ. We had to show her from the scriptures that the dead had nothing to do with her, and that she didn't have to please her dead father but God. She was shown from scripture that salvation comes through Christ alone. A new understanding came upon her with visible amazement all over her. She handed her life back to the Lord! It was an exciting time. It's our earnest prayer that this living seed has fallen on good soil, and has taken roots this time. She will be part of a church

near her home where she would be properly nourished this time. Their hospital stay has ended well – mother and daughter return home saved. Please ask the Lord to help this woman's faith flourish in the Lord, in Jesus name.

The gospel continues to be preached to many souls in different forms: one-on-one or in groups during our morning devotional sessions in the hospital. Your prayers continue to be needful. ***Ephesians 6:18-19.***

Yours in Him,

Friday Odiba

For the MoM Medical Center Team

MoM ORPHANAGES.

A Severely Malnourished Child Rescued by Mom Goes Home Improved.

Micah was brought to MoM Medical Center in a severely malnourished state and was at risk of death. The hospital took over his treatment free of charge while the orphanage took responsibility for his nutrition. After a long hospital stay he improved and was fit for discharge. Discharging him to immediately go back to the same house where his malnutrition started from was not the wisest thing to do. Our mission went ahead to shelter him and his care giver in the orphanage for continuation of proper nutrition and care. After few months, he has fared very well and fit to be released back home. Thank God for His Love.



Four Orphans reunited with Their Biological Families in July. From time to time MoM orphanage releases back to their biological families, orphans who have completed the duration requested by their families on the day of their admission into the orphanage. Four of these were released this month.

1. **Ojochide Johnson James** was born on 19th March 2017 and brought to MoM orphanage



Otutulu the following day following the death of his mother. He has thrived well over these two years at the orphanage. He was reunited with his father Peter Onalo James and other family members on 27th July 2019.

2. **Besiretu Mohammed** is from Aoyama, Omala local government of Kogi state. She was born on 26th of April 2017. She was brought to MoM orphanage on the same day she was born, following the death of her mother. 2 years have gone by, and she had to be reunited with her father and other family members according to the duration agreed upon when she was first brought in to the orphanage.



3. **Peter Enejo** is from Agili-Abocho Ogbabede district, Dekina local government area of Kogi state. He was born on 17th June 2017 and brought to MoM orphanage 20th June 2017 after his mother's death in childbirth. He is 2 years old now. The duration his biological family requested for his stay in the orphanage has elapsed. He has been reunited with his father Mr. Enejo Alaji.



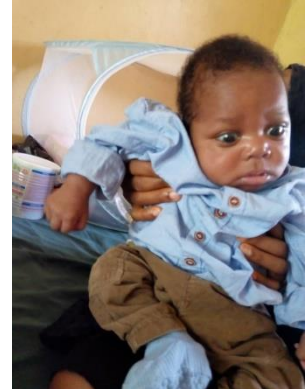
4. **Blessing Enyone Innocent** was also handed over the same day to her father Innocent Abraham.



New Arrivals into The Orphanages

As usual, MoM orphanage continues to receive new babies. The month of July received 3 new arrivals. Two were received into the Otutulu location while 1 was received into the Lokoja location.

1. **Prosper Enwubokojomanekeche.** He was born on July 1st and brought to Otutulu orphanage the following day by his Aunt.



2. **Evans Edeh.** His mother is alive but has serious psychiatric issues. She was taken advantage of by an unknown man who impregnated her with this baby. Following the birth, the baby was brought to the orphanage for safe keeping.



3. **Jeremiah Ademu.** A seven-month old baby boy brought to MoM orphanage Lokoja on July 2nd



2019. He hails from Bukwe community in Koton-karfe LGA, Kogi state. The father could not afford his upbringing following the death of his mother. She died seven months soon after his birth, suffering from an unidentified illness (because they could not afford to take her to the hospital). The father solicited that the orphanage home keeps Jeremiah for a period of 2 years.



Please pray for these new arrivals that God Himself will be their keeper as they live with us. Pray also for those that have just been reunited with their families that God Himself will carry on with their care.

Sincerely yours,

Monday Alidu.

MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

The MoM Christian academy is faring well. It currently has 205 pupils in the nursery/primary (elementary) school (115 boys, 90 girls). The secondary (high) school has 126 students (60 girls, 66 boys).

A few notable events took place at the academy this season.

1. **Mom Christian Academy Gets Official Approval/Accreditation from Ministry of Education.** on the 8th of July 2019, inspectors from ministry of education came to inspect the MoM Christian Academy secondary school for possible approval. The exercise was successful. Thank God for successful registration of the school.



2. **Primary 6 Pupils at Mom Christian Academy Write First School Leaving Certificate Exam.**
27 of our pupils wrote this examination. 19 boys and 8 girls. We hope for great outcomes when the results will be released.



3. **Flooring of the new blocks of 6 classrooms is on-going.** Thank God for the progress of the building construction of more classrooms for the MoM Christian Academy. The building is approaching final stages. The flooring of these classrooms is on-going and soon to be completed.



Warm regards,

Becky Attah

A VERY STRONG PRAYER REQUEST

It has been series of auto-accidents since this year. Since we started this Ministry we never had it this bad. On Sunday March 3rd this year while our daddy (Uncle Daniel Edeh) was returning from a place he visited, he and his boy had an auto crash in an old car he bought and refurbished for use. He has since been visiting neurosurgeon and neurologist for treatment.



After this incident he was able to get bits and pieces and bought an old jeep car of 2003 model with the mileage of almost 200,000. Unfortunately, he and six members of his family were



involved in a ghastly accident July 2nd when the old jeep ran into a fully loaded petrol tanker in a high speed.

Thankfully to our God they came out of the car unhurt.

On Friday June 21 one of our boys was sent on our motor bike to deliver food items to some of our children schooling in a nearby Iyale community. The motor bike caught fire and was burnt to ashes.



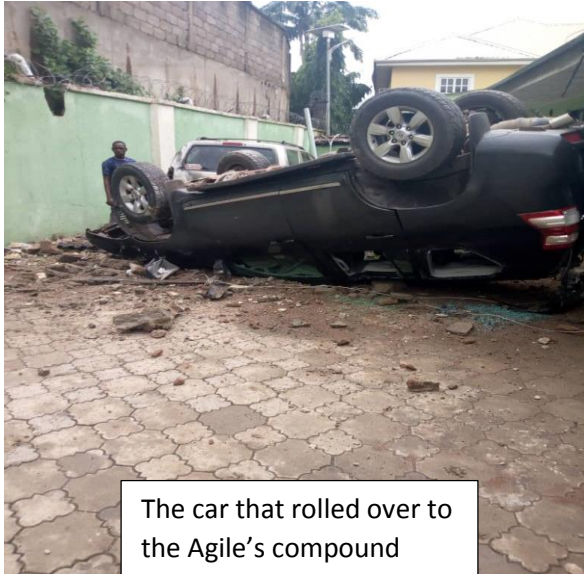
Though, we lost the motor bike and the food items to the incident, the boy jumped down unhurt,



We bless the name of the Lord.

Friday, August 2nd, one of our girls at the Ministry and her colleagues in Abuja narrowly escaped what would have been very fatal accident. An unmanned vehicle packed in the neighboring compound with higher ground level rolled over and crashed on their compound where they had just left a few minutes earlier.

Praise the Lord she and her colleague escaped this unhurt.



The car that rolled over to the Agile's compound



Agile Dansuma

Within these months we have series of accidents. We thank God that no life is lost but these call for your prayers and concern especially as our daddy Daniel's health is yet to recover fully from the accident he had in March.

Thanks for your invaluable continuous partnership in prayers and thanksgiving.

With Much Love from the Mom Team!

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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.

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
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Widows and indigent patients	Cost Reduced According to the Patients' Needs	“Sliding Scale”
All Medical Services	Total in 2018 > 93,760 naira	>\$259.00