

2019 JUNE AT MOM MEDICAL CENTER LOKOJA.

Greetings to you from us at MoM Medical Center. We hope all is well with you today.

The Month of June has been full of God's goodness to us and her patients. 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. This month's report will also introduce two new segments into our monthly reports: Ministry of Mercy schools and Ministry of Mercy orphanage homes, as well as their respective writers, Becky Attah and Monday Alidu.

We have the following few selected stories and relevant statistics:

GENERAL HEALTHCARE:

1. **MoM Medical Center Records First Case of Clinical Tetanus:** Clinical tetanus is quite rare in



climes where there is good immunization adherence. It's a highly vaccine preventable condition, and has been almost completely driven back from our communities in recent times, such that any appearance of this condition creates a scene and significant societal reaction, especially the medical society. One of such was over 2 weeks ago when a 32-year-old man was brought to MoM Medical Center with generalized stiffness of his body and bed ridden state. His jaws were locked, head extended backwards and intermittently having painful, forceful jerking of his torso. Two weeks earlier, he was fine, working on his farm when he accidentally sustained an injury to his foot from the blade of his hoe. Wound care thereafter

at home was quite poor. It got infected with the tetanus germ. The wound festered with this infection on the foot until the toxins got spread into other parts of his body, leading to the dreadful clinical condition he came with. He had a poor chance of survival at this point but the hospital courageously admitted him. The treatment protocol was rigorous for both the patient and the medical team, requiring days and nights of painful spasms, and nursed away in a dark quite room – a “medical prison” where he would be confined to for the ensuing weeks. Cutting the long story short, Mr. Ada is clearly



pulling through after nearly than 3 on admission. His spasms have greatly receded. He is no longer bed ridden. He can now walk around and care for himself. It is a success story! He will forever be grateful. Praise God.

2. **9-Year-Old Survives Road Accident.** Enyo lives with her family in a home located beside a high way. One evening she found herself on the high way at a time when a fast moving trailer was passing by. She must have realized too late that she was in danger of being knocked down.



Unfortunately, she could not escape it. She was knocked down with multiple bone fractures to her left upper and lower limbs, as well as a deep full thickness laceration to her scalp. She must have also sustained a basal skull fracture too because she was found bleeding from within the left ear. The good surprise is that she has remained conscious all through. Appropriate measures have since commenced in earnest. Her treatment will be multidisciplinary. The family is very worried. Please pray for this little girl.

3. **MoM Medical Center Receives Visitors and Gifts from The US.** MoM Medical Center had a



new mood when they received a team of 8 visitors from the United States, led by Mrs. Pauline Rappold. Others in the team were Mrs. Elizabeth Novak, Jason, David,



Michaela, Madeline, Tanaya, and Renee. The team presented the hospital with lots and lots of medical supplies, including





several surgical forceps, hospital drapes for staff, syringes and needles, drugs, wound dressing materials and lots more. In addition, every staff of the medical center received a personal package of gifts. They also sponsored the construction of storage shelves for the hospital's store and pharmacy to help with proper storage of our



drugs and other medical items which had always been kept on the bare floor, and poorly arranged in cartons. We are grateful that our drugs and other items



are now off the floor, neatly arranged on shelves for easy access and retrieval. God bless this team and the donors.

4. More Units of Blood for Our Blood Bank. About 2 weeks ago MoM Medical Center conducted



one of her blood donation campaigns to a church. This is our second visit to this church for the same exercise. This time, as much as 23 units of blood were realized from voluntary blood donors. It's so valuable to the hospital to have blood considering the rate of blood transfusions required. Blood cannot be manufactured by any factory in the world. Blood donors are really life savers. We pray that God will bless these blood donors richly.

On the whole (for general healthcare), we had **298** clinic visits, **37** ward admissions, **15** surgical procedures, **09** child deliveries, **78** people received immunized, drugs dispensed to **280** patients, **406** laboratory tests done, **16** blood transfusions amongst others.

CHARITY: In addition to other free and subsidized services, we had 4 life-saving cesarean surgeries free of charge in the month of June.

1. First was a 33-year-old who came in her 4th pregnancy with delayed onset of labor. Generally, pregnancies in humans are mature at 37 weeks' gestational age. 40 weeks' gestational age is the maximum for normal pregnancy duration. Beyond this, healthcare providers become uncomfortable. This woman came in her 42nd week. To further complicate her situation, her baby was found to be too big and lying obliquely (instead of longitudinally) as shown by ultrasound scan. An elective C-section was the way out. She had a successful procedure. She is now fine with her 4.2 kg baby boy and grateful.

2. The second was a young woman already in her 5th pregnancy at age 25. She was not registered for antenatal care but came to MoMMC in labor, unable to give birth on her own due to obstructed labor. She had had two previous cesarean sections, apparently for the same reason. There was only one way out of this – another cesarean section. She went through it successfully and came out with a live baby girl weighing 3kg. she remains grateful. Thanks to God for his mercies.



3. The third was another 25-year-old, in her 4th pregnancy. She was also not registered for antenatal care at MoMMC but came to us in an emergency situation – profuse obstetric hemorrhage in labor. Clearly, she needed an emergency cesarean section within the shortest possible time! She had had 3 previous cesarean sections, with only one child alive from these. This one would make it her fourth C-section. She had been informed and warned of her need for this surgery few weeks earlier in another hospital but she didn't return there because of lack of money for this procedure. She is a poor petty trader. Following her arrival at MoM Medical center, she was quickly assessed, prepared and moved into the operating theatre where her endangered, new 3.5kg baby girl was expediently extracted within 7 minutes, alive! The rest of the surgery was a success, but the whole event was a narrow escape for the woman and her baby. It was, therefore, reasonable



that bilateral tubal ligation for permanent contraception was done too (with the couples' consent).

4. The fourth was not an emergency. She was a 35-year-old in her 4th pregnancy who happened to need surgery for child birth due to oblique position of her baby, as well as a uterine scar from previous C-section. She is registered for antenatal care in another hospital but could not afford this surgery. At MoMMC, she went through the surgery successfully. She now has a new baby boy weighing 3.2kg. she is grateful.



On the whole (for charity), **09** women had free child birth, **04** of whom were cesarean sections. **80** free consultations (for children below 1 year, orphans, indigent patients and pregnant women), **21** consultations with half cost waiver, **09** free surgical procedures, free drugs dispensed to **61** people (pregnant women, children below 1 year and orphans), **05** people received drugs at half cost waiver, **45** free lab investigations (for orphans, children below 1 year and indigent patients), **31** tests at half cost waiver (for children 1-5 years).



THE GOSPEL:

1. **Muslim Teenager Receives Christ!** Zainab (not her real name) is a 19-year-old who was



brought to MoM medical center moribund as a victim of septic abortion. She is final-year high school student who got pregnant unintentionally for her boyfriend and was forced to abort the pregnancy by her relatives. The procedure was carried out by a quack, and this led to the unfortunate development of uterine sepsis and perforation! A dangerous cascade of events started in her body as the infection began to spread. she was actually headed

for death. Septic abortion is of the 5 most common killers of women in relation to pregnancy. She was admitted into the hospital and was prepared for surgery following a diagnosis of pelvic infection and perforated uterus. Intra-op, wide spread infection was encountered, pus drained and repairs done. She is recuperating well in the ward. About a week after her surgery, the clear gospel of salvation was presented to her with the help of the Holy Spirit. She understood it and decided to accept the savior. She confessed the Lord Jesus as her Lord and savior. Good follow-up is being arranged for her for rich nurturing. We celebrate. The hosts of heaven celebrate more!

The gospel continues to be preached to many souls as God brings them our way. Your prayers continue to be needful. *Ephesians 6:18-19.*

Introducing Reports on the MoM Orphanage Homes and MoM Schools.

In addition to the medical center, Ministry of Mercy Nigeria, Inc. has two large orphanage homes in Otutulu village and Lokoja, as well as the MoM schools. Below, we wish to introduce reports on these 2 aspects of the ministry as new segments of our monthly updates. We hope that you will find them interesting and also useful in raising requests before God on their account.

Many Thanks!

Yours in Him,

Friday Odiba

For the MoM Medical Center Team

MOM ORPHANAGES.

The two orphanages in Otutulu village and Lokoja together host over 400 orphans and children with special needs, as well as their care givers who have been employed based on their own personal needs too. Some are widows who have their own children which our ministry has taken in to cater for their physical, health and educational needs



like every other orphan in our orphanage homes. Some other caregivers are people with special



disabilities who themselves end up receiving educational sponsorship. The orphanages remain ever busy as new babies keep pouring into the homes endlessly. It's a place where so many children have found love and good childhood. The daily needs here are enormous but God continues to supply faithfully – infant formula/feeds, diapers, rice, clothing, toiletries, electricity bills etc. These

orphans and caregivers would be grateful to be added to your supplication and thanks giving prayer list.

God bless you!

Monday Alidu.

MOM SCHOOLS

Ministry of Mercy also has an education arm which consists of a nursery and primary school, as well as a high school providing for educational needs of our children of school age – over 250 of them. These



schools are staffed with twenty qualified teachers manned by six competent school administrators who have retired from government service but still very capable and passionate for the work. The

schools also have two new blocks of Six classrooms recently constructed, in addition to the initial two blocks of eight classrooms. Our high school's first set will be writing their first external certification examination this year. Please pray for students/pupils and the staff members as God desires to achieve holistic education among them.



Blessings.

Becky Attah

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