

2019 MARCH AT MOM MEDICAL CENTER LOKOJA.

Greetings to you from us at MoM Medical Center. We hope you and yours are doing very fine in the strength of the Lord. We are happy to bring you 2019 March update from our hospital, 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:

HEALTHCARE:

Delivered from a Retained Placenta. A 37-year-old in her 3rd pregnancy had a “normal” child delivery.



Everything seemed to have gone fine until we encountered difficulty with placental delivery. The associated delayed was accompanied by a disturbing level bleeding (the uterus will usually keep bleeding unless it is emptied and well contracted). She apparently had an abnormal attachment of the placenta to the uterus. The continued bleeding was a real cause for alarm but God had mercy on us. The placenta was finally detached (though not in one piece) by manual extraction using a gloved hand right inside the uterus. She is doing fine with her baby, discharged after 2 days of close observation. Thank God for His help.

MoM Medical Center Proprietor Survives an Auto crash! This is one of our outstanding testimonies of



the month. We already shared this testimony with you as soon as it happened. We are happy to mention it again and again because it reminds of God’s mercy to us at Ministry of Mercy. Uncle Daniel Edeh has since been discharged from in-patient hospital care,

and now attends out-patient follow-up visits and medical tests. He continues to improve by the grace of God.



MoM Medical Center clocks 2 years. On the 25th of March 2019 we added another year to our history



at MoM Medical Center. Join us in thanksgiving to God who has sustained the vision of our hospital since 2 years ago. Exactly at 2 years of existence, we had our 171st woman deliver her babies – a set of twins, bringing the total number of babies born to 180 (including several sets of twins and a set of triplets). God has given us the privilege of being his hands

in the demonstration of His practical love for the hurting, and the less privileged. Please continue to pray for us, that we will be like the mustard seed; that though we started out as one of the smallest seeds, we will grow to become one of the largest trees, providing nests and shelter to so many, in Jesus name.

New Nurse Joins the Work Force at Mom Medical Center. God continues to answer our prayers for



personnel needs. Victoria is a young nurse who just got employed at MoM Medical Center. She has started on a good note: passionate and dedicated. It's our prayer that God will increasingly prosper the work at MoMMC as she works with us. Amen.

Volunteer Doctor Gives 2 Months of Service to MoMMC: Dr. Joshua Ibenu is a young medical doctor



who just completed housemanship at the federal medical center Lokoja. He decided to come to MoMMC and gave 2 months of voluntary service. We had a great time together while he served. He has concluded his stay and gone for the mandatory 1-year national youth service. We pray that God will reward him. May the feet of more people like Dr. Joshua be directed to MoMMC in the future.

On the whole for general healthcare, we had 326 clinic visits, 26 ward admissions, 6 surgical procedures, 12 child deliveries, 78 children received immunized, amongst others

CHARITY:

1. **Free C-Section for Poor Labor Progress.** A 33-year-old with a previous c-section scar in a previous pregnancy had her second c-section at MoMMC on account of poor progress of labor. She had a successful procedure, and delivered of a live baby boy weighing 3 kg. mother and baby are doing fine.
2. **Free C-section for a complicated twin gestation.** The 25-year-old in her first pregnancy came pregnant with a set of twins at full term. Ultrasound



revealed that the leading was breech while the other cephalic. To be on the safer side, an elective c-section was the next step. She had been informed of it from another hospital previously but could not afford the cost, which is why she came to MoM Medical Center where the surgery was successfully performed for her, yielding two live baby girls both weighing 2.5kg each. Thank God for His help at MoM

Medical where love finds a way.

3. **Care-deprived baby Finds Refuge at MoM Medical Center.** Larietu is an 11-month old girl



whose parents are alive but suffers significant maternal deprivation due to mother's chronic ill-health. Mother has been away from home for a long time in search of healthcare for herself from African traditional herbal/spiritual healers (she believes her illness is of spiritual origin). Her baby was consequently forced to be weaned off breast milk too early, without an appropriate replacement nutrition. She was brought with swelling of both legs, scanty fluffy hair, and easily irritable.

The family is seriously financially

challenged – both parents are unemployed. This resulted in severe malnutrition in her baby. In search of help, Larietu's father brought her to MoM Medical Center. she was admitted and treated free of charge. She has remarkably improved. Ministry of Mercy orphanage has graciously taken Larietu in as one of its babies. Larietu has three other siblings who need to be cared for. Ministry of Mercy has offered their father employment to assist him with his family



financial responsibility. Free healthcare has also been offered to, and commenced on the mother after convincing her that modern medicine can be of help to her. The entire family is very grateful. For now, they are accommodated within the orphanage premises. We pray that God will touch this family, spirit, soul and body in Jesus name.

On the whole for charity, 12 women had free child birth, 3 of whom were cesarean sections. 136 free consultations (for children below 1 year, orphans and pregnant women), 9 consultations with half cost waiver, 6 free surgical procedures, free drugs dispensed to 120 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), 38 tests at half cost waiver for children 1-5 years.

THE GOSPEL:

Teenager surrenders her life to Christ! Favor, a 19-year-old was brought to us highly emaciated from



chronic ill-health. She could hardly be recognized by people who used to know her because the illness had almost completely changed her physical appearance. She suffered this much because she was trying local traditional herbal remedies for her illness rather than go to the hospital for help (for fear of high financial cost). As at the time of her presentation at our medical center, she was highly blood deficient, that she had to be transfused with 3 units of blood. Thorough investigations revealed her diagnosis. Treatment was very successful. During the course of her hospital stay, she surrendered her life to Christ after the Gospel was presented to her. She is grateful that she is leaving the

hospital physically and spiritually healed. She is ready to go back to school after dropping out years ago due to financial challenge.

The gospel of salvation also was delivered to many of other patients as God brought them our way.

Some of these are yet to make a decision to follow Christ. The Seed has been sown. Please pray that God will cause this Seed to germinate and produce fruit. May He reveal Himself to them for their salvation

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 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