

2020 DECEMBER UPDATES FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



Cordial greetings to you from all of us at Ministry of Mercy, Nigeria Inc. We trust God that above all things thou are prospering and in good health, even as thy soul prospereth (3 John verse 2).

We bring you the December edition of our monthly updates from all the three arms of our mission (MoM Orphanages, MoM Christian Academy and MoM Medical Center). God has been faithful, and we are thankful for it. Below are some of our stories for the month.

MINISTRY OF MERCY ORPHANAGES



The presence and provision of God has always been our experience at the homes both in Otutulu village and Lokoja. The month of December was not an exception. Hundreds of orphans and vulnerable children, as well as widows with diverse daily needs, all under the care of a single human “Daddy”, yet no one goes to bed hungry, none moves about unclothed, no medical or educational need goes unmet. This is because a loving and competent non-human, heavenly Daddy “gives us each day our daily bread”. We have seen how much more we are worth than the sparrows and the lilies of the field. This is a wonder to remain thankful for.

During the month of December, the two locations of MoM Orphanages – Otutulu village and Lokoja received and cared for many orphans and vulnerable people.

- **New arrivals:** MoM Orphanages had 2 new arrivals in the month of December.

- i. On the 4th of December, 2020, baby Abraham Ojochide was brought to the Ministry



of Mercy Orphanage Otutulu for her care and upkeep following the death of her mother as a result of complications from childbirth on December 2, 2020. She hails from a christian family in Ika Odeto, Ankpa L.G.A, Kogi State. It was agreed for the baby to be reunited with her biological family after a period of two years.

- ii. On December 24, 2020, baby Abdulmuminu Ibrahim was brought to MoM orphanage Otutulu following the death of his mother on December 23, 2020 as a result of complications from Childbirth. Ibrahim who is an Ebira by tribe hails from Keita, Toto L.G.A, Nasarawa State located 2 states from Kogi state where the Orphanage is. The baby will be reunited with his biological family after two years.



- **Handing over of children:** On the 19th of December, 2020, 9 of our children who are 18 years of age and 5 of our children who are 2 years of age were handed over to

their biological families as they have reached the agreed age at which the government stipulates that all children raised in Children Homes must be reunited with their biological families and the agreed terms of duration of assistance respectively. We were to handover 17 of our children, but unfortunately, the families of 3 of them didn't turn up for the exercise. We shall call on them in January to come and pick their children. Below is a list of the children we handed over to their biological families:

- i. Danilo Abdul
- ii. Samue Alhassan
- iii. Caleb Sabo
- iv. Andrew Alih
- v. Ishaya James
- vi. Heidi Musa
- vii. Dorathy Alhassan
- viii. Sabina Dangara
- ix. Onuta Ademu
- x. Mishack Salifu
- xi. Mardiah Salifu
- xii. Achile Noah
- xiii. Omiagocho Jonathean
- xiv. Gift Shigaba



Daddy and Mommy with some of the outgoing children

By means of divine provision, we were able to buy a Study Bible and an Igala hymn book for each of our 9 older children as parting gifts.

- **Sunday School Prizes:** Shortly after the Christmas service, Sunday school examination results for the previous term were announced. Students were rewarded according to their performance in the examination. The event was, for us a clear reminder of the end of time when our Lord and Savior Jesus will come to reward each and every one of us accordingly. **“Must I go an empty handed?” May we be found worthy...**



- Below are MoM Photos for Otutulu and Lokoja Orphanages respectively as at December 2020.



MoM Otutulu family as at December 2020



MoM Lokoja family as at December 2020

MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

The Tractor Project.

Larger scale mechanized farming is now inevitably upon us if we must meet up with the daily food requirements of our ever growing population in our orphanages. We are working hard at purchasing an MF-375 agricultural tractor with various farming accessories.





MF375

75 HP



PERFORMANCE

Maximum engine power at 2,200 rpm	75 (B.S) hp
Maximum torque at 1,400 rpm	290 Nm
Maximum PTO power at rated engine speed	69.5 hp**
PTO power at 540 rpm	63.0 hp
*Certified to BU AU 141a : (1971)	
** Manufacturer's estimate	

ENGINE

Type	Diesel / 4.248
No. Of Cylinders	4
Injection	Direct
Bore	101 mm
Stroke	127 mm
Capacity	4.07 l
Compression ratio	16 : 1
Aspiration	Natural
Starting Aid	Thermostat
Throttle control	Hand and foot
Cooling	Water
Air Cleaner Type	Oil bath
Air Pre-Cleaner	Over Bonnet
Fuel filter	Dual, high capacity
Exhaust	Vertical muffler under bonnet

ELECTRICS

Voltage	12 V, Negative Earth
Battery	110 Ah
Starter	2.8 kW
Alternator	45 Amp

CLUTCH

Type	Dual clutch
Diameter	305 x 254 mm
Lining Material	Cerametallic

TRANSMISSION

Type	Sliding Spur
Number of gears	8 forward, 2 reverse
Road speed at 2,200 engine rpm with 16.9 / 14 - 30 rear tyres	
Gear	Speed (kph)
Forward 1 (first low)	2.3
Forward 2	3.4
Forward 3	4.7
Forward 4	6.3
Forward 5 (first high)	9.3
Forward 6	13.6
Forward 7	18.6
Forward 8	25.0
Reverse 1 (low)	3.2
Reverse 2 (high)	12.7

POWER TAKE OFF

Type	Live
Engine speed at 540 PTO rpm	1,789 rpm
Shaft diameter	35 mm
no. Of splines	6

HYDRAULICS

Functions	Draft control, Position control, Response control, Constant pumping
Pump Type	Reciprocating Ferguson Pump
Maximum Oil Flow	16.7 l / min
Maximum Pressure	21.2 Mpa at normal operating temperature
Max. Lift capacity with lower links horizontal	2,145 kg
Lower Links	With cat. I & II interchangeable balls

FRONT AXLE

Type	Heavy duty Box Section, Adjustable
------	------------------------------------

STEERING

Type	Hydrostatic
------	-------------

REAR AXLE AND BRAKES

Rear Axle	Straddle with epicyclic reduction unit
Brake Type	oil immersed, multi-disc
Brake pedal	Pendant
Braking Area	1,774 sq. cm.
Brakes Actuation	Hydraulic
Parking Brake	Hand Lever operated

INSTRUMENTATION

Gauges	Technometer, Hourmeter, Fuel level, Battery condition & Water temperature
Warning lights	Direction indicators, Battery charge, Headlight main beam, Low engine oil pressure & Brake lights, Auxiliary socket

TYRES

Front	7.50 - 16 (6PR)
Rear	16.9 / 14 - 30 (6PR)

TRACK ADJUSTMENT

Front	1,271 - 1,881 mm
Rear	1,423 - 2,134 mm

WEIGHTS AND DIMENSIONS

Weight

Gross Weight	2,355 kg
--------------	----------

Dimensions

Wheel base	2,170 mm
Overall Length	3,760 mm
Overall width (min)	1,970 mm

Height

Over exhaust	2,485 mm
Over steering wheel	1,730 mm

Turning circle

with brakes	7,260 mm
Without brakes	8,095 mm

Ground clearance

Under gear box	465 mm
----------------	--------

CAPACITIES

Fuel tank	108.0 l
Engine pump	7.5 l
Cooling system	15.2 l
Hydraulic system	36.0 l
Hydrostatic steering reservoir	2.0 l
Oil bath air-cleaner	0.7 l
Brake oil	0.25 l

STANDARD EQUIPMENT

Weight frame without weights, standard tool box with set of tools, Top link, Top link end cat-i, Cat-I & II balls, Check chains, Stabiliser chains, Spring suspension seat, Flat top fenders & operator's Manual

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

Front end weights, swinging drawbar, sun Canopy, pintle hook and 9 hole drawbar

Getting it costs over N 10,000,000 (Ten million naira). God is more than able to provide his children with this equipment (through men).

Poultry

- a. **Layers:** we experienced a drop in egg production. Our layers have been laying for over a year and it seems they are almost done laying. Plans are already on ground to bring in another set of 500 pullets to ensure continuity in egg production for our consumption. We consume an average of 8 crates of egg on daily basis in the two locations of the Orphanage. We now pick an average of 15 crates on daily basis.



- b. **Broilers:** The second set of broilers we received is now ready and is being used in feeding our children in otutulu and Lokoja. We consume an average of 7 broilers on daily basis

in the two homes. The broilers were our major source of meat during Christmas and New Year celebration.



This has significantly improved our children's diet and we would never be able to thank God enough for this and numerous other blessings.

Crop farming

MoM orphanage Otutulu has continued cassava processing to feed the two locations of the Orphanage – Otutulu and Lokoja.



Fish pond

Our fish pond has long been prepared to receive a new set of 2000 fingerlings. This is with the view of improving our children's diet. Plans are already on ground to bring in a set of 2000 fingerlings. Please, pray for resources to sustain the farm.



Piggery: We have quite a good number of pigs in our piggery. This has continued to be a huge source of meat for our large family. It was a major source of meat for our extremely large family during Christmas and New Year Celebrations.



MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



MoM Christian Academy went on Holidays since the last week of November which is to last till the first week of January. There was no formal academic activity in school.



Peter Weds Mercy: The immediate past Principal of MoM Christian Acedemy, Mr Peter Amodu got married to his lovely wife Mercy on the 31st of December, 2020 at CMML Igala Church, Anyigba. Many of MoM children and staff were in attendance. May the good Lord build for them a home where He will reign and rule as King.





Sincerely yours,

Monday Alidu, Sabo Yunusa and Ogijo Joseph

MINISTRY OF MERCY MEDICAL CENTER



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

GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

Here we have the following selected few stories and relevant statistics.

Please Pray for Alimo. Cancer if not caught early can be quite ferocious and voracious. It's an inconsiderate devourer, both to the body of its patients and their resources. Alimo is currently not being spared. Only God who is the deliverer of captives from the hand of the mighty remains the possible hope for this late-stage breast cancer patient. The fungating breast mass and ulceration was her major concern at first, but now her pain has taken over the scene. It's so excruciating that it is costing so much to be controlled. The regular pain medications are no longer able to keep up with the pain control so we had to step up with the class of pain control drugs. Ministry of Mercy has been responsible for her medical bills. It's not been easy but who can bear to watch someone he really cares about go through so much pain and not put in all resources you have to alleviate it. The cost has greatly led to out-of-budget spending for the Ministry but we don't seem to have any other choice now. We pray for divine supplies to help Alimo.





Idris dies of multiple fractures from RTA

Idris ABDUL was a 23 year old young man who had a road traffic accident (RTA) in Lagos where he sustained multiple fractures of the lower limb with bleeding into the muscles. Amputation was suggested in Lagos but patient refused any intervention owing to financial constraint. They were brought here by the Proprietor of MoMMC who opted to help. He was reviewed here in a very critical situation. After independent reviews by the Orthopedic and Plastic Surgeons, again Amputation was suggested. He had several blood transfusions amongst other supportive treatment in preparation. However, before the surgical intervention, he was taken away against medical advice by a relative. Feelers from the grapevine broke the news that he died 2 days later.



A sorrowful day at MoMMC

John ADEJOH is a 45 year old man who had a very large right lower back swelling thought to be Lipoma (abnormal aggregation of fat cells). Said have been operated three times previously and with more aggressive growth after removal on each occasion. This time around, a Liposarcoma (cancerous form of abnormal aggregation of fat cells) was highly suspected. He had a successful operation and was doing well. However, while awaiting result of histology for probable commencement of chemotherapy, he developed complications and died. For such a lively and friendly man to die unexpectedly, it was a sorrowful day at MoMMC.

Girl with post burn damage getting ready for intervention

Faith SOLOMON is a little girl, just 8 years of age who sustained major burns over 18months ago. She has multiple post burn contractures in the right shoulder, chest (eroding the breasts) and right leg. Plastic Surgeon wants the wounds to heal before intervention.



General Healthcare Statistics

General

General out-patient department visits	323
• Old patients	225
• New patients	98
Ward admissions	20
Surgical procedures	10
Total no. who received drugs	297
Total number of laboratory tests done	548
Number of transfusions	05

Preventive Primary Health Care:

Immunizations (within the hospital)	None given because supply chain in the state has logistic challenges
Number of children immunized	
Number of doses received	
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	
Number of doses	
Contraception.	
Women received contraceptives	10

CHARITY HEALTH SERVICES:

Several medical services were provided to many patients for free or at assisted cost during the month. Most of these services have to do with maternal and child health cases. 8 women had child deliveries free of charge within the month, 2 of these were free cesarean sections. This is in addition to several orphans who also had medical services free of charge. Few of these stories are summarized below Here we have the following selected few stories and relevant statistics.



Successful operation for prolonged labour

Ruth ALIYU is a 26 year old in her 2nd pregnancy who presented with labour pain. Labour was prolonged and not progressing due to obstruction at the cervix. Therefore, she had a caesarian section in which a live female neonate was delivered. Mother and child did well.

Twin birth via caesarian section on Christmas Eve

Mary Gambo AILE is a 36 year old lady who had Antenatal clinics with us at MoMMC. She had 2 previous pregnancies in which the 2nd, a twin gestation ended in C/S. This mother of 3 children presented in her 3rd pregnancy with another twin. She had a planned caesarian section with bilateral tubal ligation on Christmas eve. 2 male live neonates were delivered. For Mary, it is now 3 pregnancies; 5 children. Mother and the twin did well and were discharged on the new year eve.





Lami losses a baby but survives

Lami SAMSON presented with prolonged labour in her 5th pregnancy. She has a history of previous C/S. The maternal and fetal conditions were in dire need of urgent intervention. An emergency caesarian section delivered a severely asphyxiated baby which passed on shortly after delivery. Adequate grief counseling was done. Post-operative management and follow up were successful. The patient and her husband were glad that she survived. They were advised to ensure Antenatal care in next pregnancy.



Zainab survives against all odds

Zainab ABDULGANIYU had caesarian section last month in which a dead decaying baby was removed. She subsequently developed puerperal sepsis and psychosis, deep vein thrombosis and wound breakdown. She was unable to walk and had to be mobilized with walking frames at a point. It was a long battle but she did respond and amazingly survived. In her follow up clinic, we saw a cheerful woman singing praises.

These women are grateful beneficiaries of the work compassion God is doing in MoMMC.
Thank God for His grace.

Statistics on Charity

Antenatal care statistics		
Week	New patients	Patients on follow-up
Week 1	09	29
Week 2	10	24
Week 3	06	21
Week 4	07	26
Week 5	01	30
Total	33	130
Grand Total Number of Visits		163
Other Free Consultation (Children below 1 year, orphans and indigents) excluding pregnant women		17
Number of Deliveries		
C-Sections		02
Normal Deliveries		06
Total Births		08
Number Who Received Drugs for Free (Children below 1 year, orphans, pregnant women and indigents)		138
Number Who Had Laboratory Tests for Free		75
Total Number of Free Surgical Procedures		02

THE GOSPEL:

We have the following story of the gospel for the month of December.

Please Pray for Yunusa Alhaji.



Yunusa is one of our patients at MoM Medical Center. In the course of his care, he was presented with the Gospel of salvation but due to his Islam background he is finding it difficult to open up his heart to this great news. Please remember to intercede for him.

Thank God for Zhiye Sunday.

Zhiye is a young man who was admitted for surgery at MoM Medical Center. He had a successful herniorrhaphy and also handed his life to the Lord. Please for a strong foundation for him.

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

May we continue to be fruitful in every aspect as a Christian mission medical center by the grace and mercy of God.

Blessings,

Dr. Samuel Alhassan and Dr. Friday Odiba

On behalf of the Medical Director,

MoM Medical Center



Dr. W. A. S. Omale, MD

Consultant Ophthalmologist and Medical Director,

MoM Medical Center

PRAAYER REQUESTS

1. Appreciate God for His goodness we enjoy at Ministry of Mercy – peace, security, provision, new staff, wedding, healing, and salvation.
2. Thank God for every safe child birth and patient recovery at MoMMC.
3. Appreciate God and pray for His blessings upon every supporter of Ministry of Mercy – past, present and future supporters. May their hands never run dry in Jesus name.
4. Pray for more provision for the increasing work at Ministry of Mercy. May the work never suffer because of insufficiency of funds.
5. MoM has projects in pursuit, one of which is the tractor for farming. May this project see the light of the day on time.
6. Please pray for protection for God's people against covid19 wherever they may be. Let those infected be healed by divine touch in His mercies.
7. Please pray for Alimo, one of our daughters fighting with breast cancer. May the Lord fight for her.
8. Pray for everyone who has been presented with the Gospel of Jesus Christ but yet to let the Lord into their lives, that He may draw them to Himself. Pray for the saved to be steadfast till the end.

Thank you for your invaluable continuous partnership in prayers, thanksgiving and giving.

Dr Odiba Friday,

Publicity Department

Ministry of Mercy, Nigeria.

www.ministryofmercy.org

STAY SAFE!

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.

Click any of the “Donate” buttons at the bottom of the page if you wish to send in a donation

MoM Medical Center

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
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

MoM Orphanages

Items	quantity	Cost (in naira)	Cost (US dollars)
Infant milk per child for one month	8 tins	24,000	66.30
Diapers for one child for a month	2 packs	8,600	23.76