

JANUARY 2020 REPORT

All the three arms of our mission (MoM Medical Center, MoM Orphanages and MoM Christian Academy) are doing well by the grace and mercies of God. God bless you as you read through this edition.

MoM MEDICAL CENTER



As always, 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:

GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

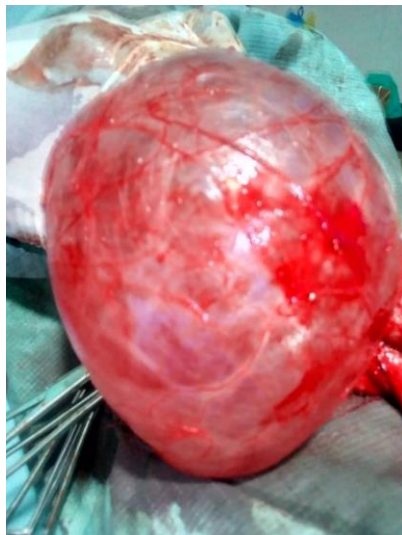
1. **MoM Medical Center Acquires New/Standard Theater Operating Lighting System.** The medical center has carried out lots of surgeries since inception. These surgeries were done in a theatre



with poor lighting system provided by just a single ceiling light bulb. This had to be frequently augmented with temporary handheld light sources. There were associated difficulties for the surgeons and their team members. But thanks to God who has graciously provided us with a

proper lighting system this year 2020 through donors. It a double arm LED SURGIFRIEND operating light costing several thousands of US dollars (Millions of naira). Our theatre is now well lit, with easier surgical procedures. Our surgical year has begun well. Praise God. God bless the donors.

2. **Huge Inguinoscrotal Swelling Operated in A 20-Year-Old.** This young man was rushed in



with a huge painful right-sided scrotal swelling which was later diagnosed as an obstructed inguinoscrotal hernia. It was clearly an emergency. Intervention had to be immediate to prevent ischemic death of the trapped tissues. Moved



to theatre almost immediately, surgery was commenced to relieve the obstruction. A large hernia sac filled with intra-abdominal content was exposed. The point of obstruction was tactically relieved by the surgeon to enable the contents return back to where they belong – the abdomen. Repairs were carried out, followed by closure. He is fine now – a fine gentleman.

3. **A Probable Final Arbiter for Mr. Igba's Diagnosis.** Recall that one of MoM's chaplains, Mr. Igba has been with us on hospital admission since late last year. He came into our care since over 2 years ago but as an out-patient. He has also been to other renown medical centers without a definitive diagnosis. He was reviewed by a neurologist few weeks ago with a provisional diagnosis of proximal myopathy (unknown cause). After 2 years of grappling with the true identity of this condition, we embarked on carrying out a biopsy of the muscle (cutting a little portion of the muscle for detailed examination in a pathology laboratory). Muscle biopsy results, in our clime, takes weeks to be ready. We are hopeful that we will come to a fruitful end of our search by the time result is out.

4. **MoM Medical Center Extension, Otutulu.** The following are some of the activities at our Otutulu health outpost for the month.

a. **Successful Scalp Ulcer Care.** Recall from our previous report on Jephthah. He was an



abandoned child whose care was taken up by Ministry of Mercy orphanage Otutulu but had to be transferred to our medical center at Lokoja for specialized pediatric care. He also



had a deep pressure ulcer on the scalp.

After few weeks on admission he was

largely better except for the scalp ulcer. He

was later returned to continue his wound care at our clinic outlet in Otutulu. His care has been successful.

b. **Diarrhea, Weight Loss and Dehydration.** Ojochide Samuel, one of the recent arrivals at the Otutulu orphanage developed severe gastroenteritis. 2-month-olds like this are highly water dependent. Their bodies are about 80% made up of water. She lost so much water through diarrhea and was drying up very fast. Copious but cautious fluid replacement was the only way out. This was effectively done, along with some antibiotic administration. She has pulled through and now doing fine.



General Healthcare Statistics

General

General out-patient department	171
Ward admissions	41
Surgical procedures	11
Total no. who received drugs	273
Total number of laboratory tests done	405
Number of transfusions	02

Preventive Medicine:

Immunizations (within the hospital)	
Number of children immunized	46
Number of doses received	145

Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	21
Number of doses	21
Contraception.	
Women received contraceptives	09

CHARITY:

A lot of free medical services were given to several patients, some of whom could not have been able to afford it on their own. Most of these are maternal and child health cases. Some of these stories are narrated below.

1. MoM Medical Center had her first child delivery for the year 2020 on the first day of the year. Annabel is her name, born through a cesarean section on account delayed



onset of labor and a previous cesarean section scar. Her expected day of delivery (EDD) was 13th day of December 2019 but labor never came. Beyond the EDD, such women can be given a chance up to 2 more weeks to see if labor would start spontaneously. Her extra two weeks elapsed but labor was not forthcoming. Her previous cesarean section scar on the uterus would

not let us induce labor for her. Another C-section was the way forward. A few hitches led to a little more delay and eventually surgery took place on January 1, 2020. She



was delivered of a live baby girl weighing 3.9kg. Mother and baby are doing well. Could it be that Annabel noticed from heaven that 2020 is going to be a great year and decided to wait till new year day? She must be right. The name Annabel in Hebrew means “He (God) has favored me”.

The secretary to the state government paid a visit to our medical center on this particular day to mark the new year celebration. She visited baby Annabel as the baby of the year. God has indeed favored Annabel.

2. **Uterine Prolapse and Intrauterine Fetal Demise.** On January 23, 2020, a 36-year-old woman in



her second pregnancy was rushed to MoM Medical Center in labor. But in addition, her uterus was prolapsed to the exterior (part of her womb could be seen outside her body)! she must have labored fruitlessly at home. She was not registered for antenatal care. She is from the nomadic Fulani tribe. This group hardly patronizes hospital antenatal services unless the situation is dire. A quick assessment revealed that her unborn baby was already lifeless. To complicate matters, the uterine

prolapse would not allow normal delivery. She needed to go through the rigors of a cesarean section to have this baby that was no longer alive. An emergency C-section was carried, as well as ventrosuspension of the uterus (the prolapse uterus was returned into the abdomen and tethered to tissues that can retain it in position to prevent a recurrence of prolapse in the future). She recovered well from the surgery and was discharged home without a baby, but thankfully with her life.

3. **A Near-Cesarean Section. 23-Year-Old in Her First Pregnancy Came to us in Labor.** She had



labored for 12 hours without delivery. With a working diagnosis of cervical dystocia, she was prepared for a C-section. But right on the theatre table, just before administration of spinal anesthesia, she let out a scream that made the team suspect the baby was coming. An immediate re-examination confirmed it. She must have had a precipitate cervical dilatation. She was delivered of a live baby girl weighing 2.9kg. She thankfully escaped the surgical blade.

4. **Third Cesarean Section After an “Unauthorized” Labor.** A young woman, 36 years old, came to us in labor. This was considered “unauthorized” because our medical team would not have allowed it to occur if they had the chance because of the potential fatality associated. This would be her third child birth. Her two previous deliveries were through cesarean sections. These surgeries have left much surgical scarring on her uterus such that any attempt at going through natural labor (with its attendant vigorous uterine contractions) would risk a “giving way” of the weak point created by the surgical scars. She must not be allowed to fall into labor. An elective cesarean section must be scheduled ahead of onset of labor. As a registered patient of a standard antenatal clinic as ours, she had the chance to receive all the necessary forewarnings and timely arrangements for a safe delivery. But this was not what happened. long before such arrangements could commence, this patient stopped coming for clinic appointments until 6 months later when she came in labor, having labored for some time at home. It was an obstructed labor. Apparently, she was trying to avoid another surgery. Thank God she found herself in the hospital before it was too late. Soon after her arrival at the hospital, she was moved into the theater and had her 2.5kg baby girl.

Statistics on Charity

Antenatal care statistics		
Week	New patients	Patients on follow-up
Week 1	03	03
Week 2	05	24
Week 3	05	19
Week 4	09	17
Week 5	05	14
Total	26	99
Grand Total		103
Other Free Consultation (Children below 1 year, orphans, pregnant women and indigents)		49
Number Of Deliveries		
C-Sections		03
Normal Deliveries		07
Total Births		10
Number Who Received Drugs For Free (Children below 1 year, orphans, pregnant women and indigents)		176
Number Who Had Laboratory Tests For Free		92
Number Of Free Surgical Procedures		08

THE GOSPEL:

Young woman Surrenders Her Life to Christ. Isah Patience is not a patient. She only came as a



relative and care giver to one of our patients who had a surgery. The gospel of salvation was presented to her, and for the first time, she handed her life to the Lord. Rich Christian literature was provided to facilitate her spiritual growth.

The gospel continues to be preached to 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 medical center by the grace and mercy of God.

Blessings,

Dr. Friday Odiba

On behalf of the MD,

MoM Medical Center Team

MoM ORPHANAGES.

The two locations of MoM orphanage – Otutulu village and Lokoja – keep receiving and caring for more orphans and vulnerable people.

MoM Orphanages Receive 6 New Arrivals

- Ojochide Samuel was the first orphan received into MoM in the year 2020. She was born on



December 28, 2019 and received into MoM orphanage on January 5, 2020. Her mother was said to be pregnant with a set of twins. She underwent labor at a peripheral clinic where the first twin (Ojochide) was delivered. The second twin was retained, and was taking too long to be born. This necessitated referral to Ika Christian hospital (a bigger hospital within their state). But soon after she arrived at that hospital, before significant medical intervention could be carried out, the woman died with the second twin due to excessive bleeding. She hails from Igoro village in Apa local government area of Benue state.

May the good Lord comfort this family and raise this baby.

- Three siblings find a new home at MoM. The Kogi State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development brought these children (Prince Marvin Lawrence, Ojoma Lawrence and Ojoajogwu Lawrence) to MoM orphanage Lokoja on January 10, 2020. According to the reports, they were found roaming the town all by themselves and constituting nuisance. Their father (who had divorced their mother much earlier) tried to raise them as a single parent but



this was short-lived when he got involved in a ghastly car accident that has incapacitated him. As a result, these children were left to fend for themselves. They were found and brought to the orphanage for safety. They will remain in the care of the

orphanage till any of their parents is ready to come for them.

- Baby Omeiza Bello was brought by the Kogi State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social



Development to MoM orphanage Lokoja on January 17, 2020. His mother is said to have “run mad” and roaming the streets with this baby, unclothed. Baby Omeiza will be with MoM for four months before the government returns for her.

- Woniba Samuel was born October 18, 2019. He was brought to the orphanage in Lokoja on



January 12, 2020 from Ajaga village, Loko local government area of Nasarawa state (about 2 states away from Kogi state). Three days earlier, his mother was found murdered in cold blood (beheaded) while she was working on her farm by unknown people, leaving this baby and the mother’s corpse alone on the farm. Relatives later brought the baby to MoM orphanage. May God comfort this family.

Three Reunited with Their Families of Birth.

- Victor Ruhaji, popularly known in the orphanage as Okwuta (meaning Rock, because of his unusual strength) was handed over back to his family of birth on January 31, 2020. He was brought into the orphanage 2 years ago and now has to be taken back having completed the duration of care agreed on at the time of his admission into the orphanage in 2018. Thank God for keeping Okwuta all this while. We pray for continued divine grace on him as he grows up.



- Four-month-old reunites with her mother. The mother had developed a psychiatric condition (probably a postpartum psychosis) and could not take care of her baby. The baby had to be brought to the orphanage for better care until four months later when the mother recovered and started looking for her baby. She tracked her down to the orphanage where they were reunited. They returned home together on January 15, 2020.



- Manasseh Moses, a young man (18 years old) gets reunited with his family of birth on January 5, 2020. He came into the care of the orphanage at Otutulu shortly after his birth January 6, 2002. He is now a student of University of Jos (remedial studies).



Young Woman Joins MoM as Laundry Staff. Her name is Mrs. Ruth John. Thank God for the increase. We pray for more helping hands.



MoM FARMS.

Great output from Our Poultry. Our poultry farm is producing a lot of eggs now. We are almost reaching our target of 50 crates daily. The sizes of the eggs are also improving.



Sincerely yours,

Monday Alidu.

MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



School resumed for the new year on January 6, 2020. Academic work has commenced in earnest. This is the second term of the 2019/2020 academic session. It is expected to last for 3 months before the next holiday period.

We trust God for a smooth term for these children and their teachers.

Warm regards,

Sabo Yunusa

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Give thanks to God for every healing, every salvation and every act of love in Ministry of Mercy.
2. Pray for all the orphans that were handed over back to their families of birth. Beyond handing them to their families, we hand them over to God Himself, who by His providence brought these orphans our way. The mercies that kept them alive without their mothers will keep following them for the rest of their lives in Jesus name.
3. Pray for every new intake into the orphanages. May their entry into our care be an effective facilitator for their God given destinies.
4. Pray for our Chaplain Igba Peter. May his doctors receive divine clarity concerning his care.
5. Pray for further spread of the gospel Jesus Christ among our patients at the MoM Medical Center. May we be effective hands of the Lord.
6. Pray for more hands to join the work in the Ministry of Mercy as the work continues to enlarge and prosper.

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

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
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