

# 2020 JULY UPDATES FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



Warm greetings to you from all of us at Ministry of Mercy, Nigeria Inc. We hope that all is well with you and yours.

We bring you the July edition of our monthly updates. All the three arms of our mission (MoM Medical Center, MoM Orphanages and MoM Christian Academy) are doing fine by the special grace of God. Below are some of our stories for the month.

# MINISTRY OF MERCY 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 from this arm.

## GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

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

1. **Good Healing for Clement.** Last month we told you about Clement who was said to have fallen from a tree and sustained injuries to the right leg, and was later brought to MoMMC with extensive wound infection, cellulitis and osteomyelitis of the limb. He is one of our orphans at Otutulu, and has been with us right from when he was a baby.



Rigorous wound care is yielding great results. The wound cavities have filled up. We are hopeful that the skin will heal well too.



2. **Facial Burns in a Child.** Fauzia was rushed into MoM Medical Center following a domestic fire accident. She was with her mother near a fire when very hot ashes accidentally splashed and covered her face, with resultant burns to more than half of her young face. She is just 1 year 9 months old. Burns on the face are medically considered special or major burns (in the same category with burns around the external genitalia, palms, soles, flexural areas and circumferential burns) because of their potential complications. Thankfully, Fauzia's eyes were spared but very narrowly. Her treatment has been quite successful.



What we don't yet know is the degree of scarring that may result during the later healing process. We pray that she will heal well.

3. **Hysterectomy.** Hysterectomy is the surgical removal of the womb, usually for therapeutic reasons. In the course of the month, we had a patient who had to go through this surgery. She is an elderly lady who has grown up children and several grandchildren. One of the risk factors for uterine prolapse is childbirth. Several years after completing child birth, her uterus began to prolapse outwards. The ligaments holding it in place had become too weak to do keep it back. Thankfully the children whom she carried in this womb have grown old enough to take care of her. They supported her all through the process. Her surgery was success. She is now free.



4. **Dorcas** is a final year midwifery student from Benue State. Her school is currently not in session because of the covid19 suspension of most activities in tertiary training institutions of learning. So, she is currently volunteering her time in our nursing department at MoMMC. The past two months has seen a number of such students coming to MoMMC to give a hand to the work, and to also develop themselves. We pray that their days with us will be productive for them and for us too.



5. **MoM Medical Center Outlet Otutulu.** This clinic outlet had to go through a temporary shutdown to enable it adjust to the covid19 pandemic protocols. But, it is beginning operations again. Nelson, one of 4-year-olds in the orphanage sustained a deep cut on the nasal bridge with profuse bleeding. Hemostasis was secured with the aid of sutures. He is healing well.



## General Healthcare Statistics

### General

General out-patient department	210
Ward admissions	46
Surgical procedures	13
Total no. who received drugs	290
Total number of laboratory tests done	466
Number of transfusions	05

### Preventive Health Care:

Immunizations (within the hospital)	
Number of children immunized	98
Number of doses received	273
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	27
Number of doses	27
Contraception.	
Women received contraceptives	

## 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. Ten women had child deliveries free of charge within the month, three of these were free cesarean sections. This is in addition to several children including orphans who also had medical and surgical services free of charge. Few of these stories are summarized below.

Seven women had C-sections for various reasons:

- I. Obstructed labor: a 30-year-old woman in her fifth pregnancy, after laboring unsuccessfully for hours at home had to be brought to the hospital for child birth. She



was not registered with us for antenatal care. An obstetric assessment on her arrival revealed she was experiencing an obstructed labor – womb fully open but baby could not pass. By means of an emergency C-section she was delivered of a live baby girl weighing 3.5kg. Mother and baby are doing fine.

- II. Another Obstructed labor: a 20-year-old in her first pregnancy, unregistered with our prenatal clinic came in with a complicated labor. Apart from the obstruction, she had a number of other problems which included fetal distress, edema (congestion and swelling) of the birth canal, hypertension, and physical exhaustion. She had labored for so long in another hospital before coming. The only way forward was surgery, which was successfully done. Blood loss warranted transfusion, but she is fine.



Both mother and the distressed baby came out alive. She is fortunate to have come to MoMMC where her life was not only saved, but surgery done free of charge. God be praised.

- III. Failed induction of labor: a 20-year-old woman in her second pregnancy noticed cessation of fetal movements in her tummy. She knew something was wrong. This was not how she felt in her first pregnancy. She needed to raise alarm! In the hospital, examination could not pick up fetal heart sounds. An ultrasound scan which was the final arbiter confirmed what the woman had feared all along – a dead fetus. On top of



this sad news, she still had to go through C-section because attempts to induce labor to help expel the fetus was to no avail. A lifeless, macerated baby boy was extracted. This woman must have wondered why this had to happen being that she was receiving antenatal care before this incident. We don't know why too. But one thing comes out

clear: it is not all about human effort. May God console her.

- IV. Obstructed Labor and pre-eclampsia. A 29-year-old woman in her first pregnancy,



not registered with our antenatal clinic came in labor. She had labored in another hospital to no avail because fetal passage was obstructed. She was also found to have very high blood pressure and generalized edema, a condition known as pre-eclampsia. Each of these problems were capable of killing her and her baby, but God mercifully intervened by means of a timely C-section (and some transfusion). She was also found to be HIV infected. Both

mother and baby had to be commenced on antiretroviral drugs. They are fine, and since been discharged.



**V. Three other women benefitted from free c-sections:**

- a. Antepartum hemorrhage
- b. Multiple previous uterine scarring from previous C-sections
- c. Breech presentation.

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

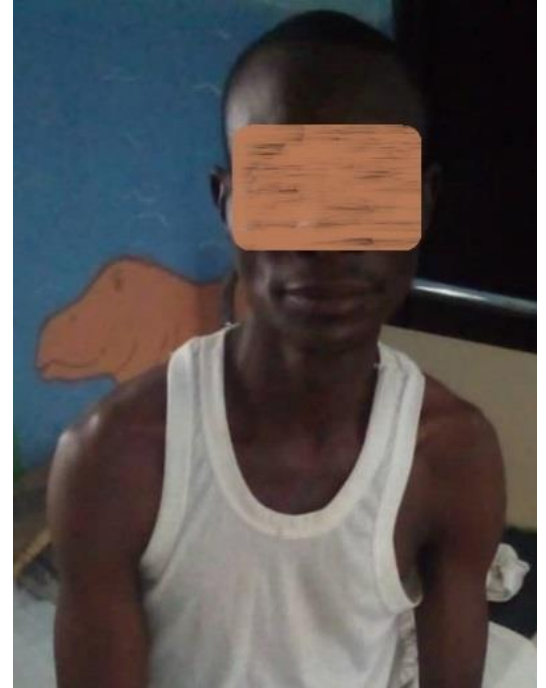
**Statistics on Charity**

<b>Antenatal care statistics</b>		
<b>Week</b>	<b>New patients</b>	<b>Patients on follow-up</b>
Week 1	08	13
Week 2	09	25
Week 3	05	21
Week 4	02	26
Week 5	05	19
Total	29	19
<b>Grand Total Number of Visits</b>		<b>133</b>
<b>Other Free Consultation (Children below 1 year, orphans and indigents) excluding pregnant women</b>		<b>28</b>
<b>Number of Deliveries</b>		
C-Sections		06
Normal Deliveries		08
<b>Total Births</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Number Who Received Drugs for Free (Children below 1 year, orphans, pregnant women and indigents)</b>		<b>125</b>
<b>Number Who Had Laboratory Tests for Free</b>		<b>55</b>
<b>Total Number of Free Surgical Procedures</b>		<b>06</b>

## THE GOSPEL:

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

**Bad news, then the Good News.** Almost every time, breaking the news of a cancer diagnosis is not a pleasant task for health professionals because most patients do not receive it well. At MoMMC, we had this to deal with last month. The preceding month's report had it that a 37-year-old welder was diagnosed with a well differentiated adenocarcinoma of the large intestine. He had come with complains of gradual abdominal distention and pain, further investigation of which revealed that somewhere down the large intestine, an obstruction had developed from a growth in the lumen. Surgical exploration exposed this growth and enabled its removal. The segment of the intestine affected had to be removed resected completely while the free ends of remaining parts were anastomosed. Sent for laboratory for further analysis, the mass turned out to be cancerous. A cancerous growth big enough to obstruct the large intestine cannot be considered as early. The bad news was delivered to him. But we are grateful to God that a cancer news is not all we have to offer him at MoM Medical Center. We also have the Good news which is holistic. Our patient came in as a Muslim, a wife and children who are Muslims too. The gospel of Christ was explained to him, as well as the healing power of God. He now believes that Jesus Christ died for him and was raised again. This is a huge first step for him and (by extension his family). He has received few cycles of anti-cancer chemotherapy. We are praying for heaven's touch on his life and health.



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 mission medical center by the grace and mercy of God.



Blessings,

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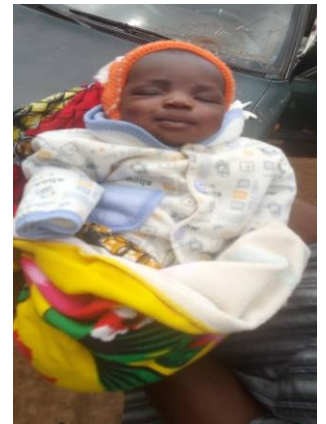
# MINISTRY OF MERCY ORPHANAGES

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

- **New arrivals**

MoM Orphanages had 3 new arrivals in the month of June.

- i. Baby Victoria Ojonugwa Aminu was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage Otutulu on Thursday, July 16, 2020 following the death of her mother as a result of complications of child birth. She was born on Thursday, July 2, 2020. She hails from Akpagwu Igalamela Odoru L.G.A, Kogi State. She is to be with us for a period of two years before being reunited with her family.



- ii. On Monday, July 24, 2020, MoM orphanage Otutulu received another new born Hadizat Abubakar who was given birth to on Thursday, July 20, 2020. She was brought to MoM orphanage following the death of her mother due to complications from childbirth. She hails from Ogba- Bagana, Omala L.G.A, Kogi State. She will be with us for the next two years.





- iii. Baby Joshua Emmanuel was born at the Kogi Specialist Hospital Lokoja on July 17, 2020 to a 25-year-old single mother. On discharge, his mother thought it wise to bring him to MoM orphanage for care and safe keeping because she has no financial



capacity to raise the baby. She has hidden all this from to her parents who have earlier threatened to deal with her mercilessly if she ever gets pregnant again out of wedlock (baby Joshua is her second child out of wedlock for two different men).

We pray God's watch over baby Joshua as he lives to tell his story. We also pray that God will order the steps of this lady to eternal life

- **Reuniting Isaac with his family.** baby Isaac Remilekun was brought to MoM orphanage Lokoja on August 23, 2017 by the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (MWASD), Lokoja after he was abandoned by his mother in her friend's house who then brought him to the Ministry of Women affairs and Social Development for necessary help.



He has since then been with MoM orphanage Lokoja until the MWASD came for his withdrawal on August 4, 2020.

Please, pray that the Lord may keep and sustain him.

# MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

## a. Poultry

There has been a great improvement in our poultry farm.

We engaged the services of a veterinary Doctor when we had high mortality rate in our poultry which resulted from birds pecking themselves on the butt. The Vet made some recommendations which were promptly carried out. We have witnessed a boost in egg production from 17 crates per day to 30 crates per day. 5 out of these 30 crates are used in feeding our children on daily basis.

Plans are already on ground to restock our poultry with 200 broilers to be used in feeding our children. Rooms have been prepared and staff of MoM farms are ready to receive this set of birds. Please, pray for divine provision and safe delivery to Otutulu.





**b. Crop farming**

There has been a hike in the price of cassava which comprises a significant part of our food. Fortunate enough for MoM family, we have enough cassava in our farm to last us this season. We are currently processing cassava to feed the two locations of MoM orphanages- Otutulu and Lokoja.



**c. Fish pond**

We have prepared our fish pond to receive a new set of 2000 fingerlings. This is with the view of improving our children's diet.

We pray for a boost.



# MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Just as stated in our last report, the management of MoM Christian Academy commenced a home-school program for our children in the compound. This program has witnessed huge success as it is highly welcome by both students and teachers in MoM compound. The evening reading program which lasts from 8:00pm to 10:00pm on daily basis has also been effective and beneficial.

The school management is working hard at resuming school for the exit classes (Prim. 6, JSS 3 and SSS 3) on August 4, 2020 in accordance with the directive of The Federal Government. The management will ensure that all precautionary measures against the spread of Covid-19 are fully observed.



## Daycare Program

Also, as stated in our last report, we have resumed our daycare program in earnest.

This program has been largely successful; our babies and toddlers who before now have just been playing around are now exposed to various learning experiences such as color



identification and coloring, naming of animals, proper sitting postures and letters of the English alphabets.

Please, be praying along with us as we deeply rely on his faithfulness for divine provision for the smooth running of this program.



Sincerely yours,

*Monday Alidu and Ogijo Joseph*

## ***PRAYER REQUESTS***

1. Appreciate God for His goodness we enjoy at Ministry of Mercy – peace, security, provision, new staff, healing, and salvation.
2. Thank God for the safe return of our proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel and Esther Edeh from the United States after a prolonged unexpected delay caused by the covid-19 pandemic.
3. Thank God for every patient that passed through MoMMC and survived, especially mothers that gave birth.
4. Pray for the new orphans admitted into the orphanage in the Month of July. May God grant the resources to raise them. Also pray for Isaac who has been who has just been re-united with his family of birth. May His eyes go after him wherever he goes.
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. Please pray for divine provision to enable us continue more for the Lord in the vineyard of the lord.
7. 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.

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

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**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.*

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## 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
<b>Other Medical Services</b>	Total in 2018 150 naira	\$0.41
<b>Widows and indigent patients</b>	<b>Cost Reduced According to the Patients' Needs</b>	<b>“Sliding Scale”</b>
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