

2020 SEPTEMBER UPDATES FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



Warm greetings to you from Ministry of Mercy, Nigeria Inc. We trust God that you're doing well physically and spiritually.

We bring you the September edition of our monthly updates. All the three arms of our mission (MoM Medical Center, MoM Orphanages and MoM Christian Academy) are faring well by the grace and mercies 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.

Introducing Dr. Samuel Alhassan into the Editorial Team...

Dr. Sam is one of our doctors at MoM Medical Center. He joined us in April 2020. He works primarily with the medical services department of one of the federal universities. Being in the same city with MoM Medical center, he decided to volunteer his services at MoM Medical Center during his off hours. He has been a friend of MoM over the years and has been an inspiration to our children in the orphanage.



He will be writing on the “MoM Medical Center” aspect of our newsletter. He has his unique style and design of writing. Please enjoy the variety.

GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

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



Hamza AHMODU

A 6 year old boy from MoM, Otutulu who has had challenge with walking due to Congenital genu valgum (knock knee) of the Left lower limb. He had a Surgical repair by the Orthopedic Surgeon on 11th September. He is still in the ward for monitoring.

McElla YUSUF

An 8 year old girl from MoM, Otutulu with walking challenge due to Acquired right Club Foot. She had a surgical repair by the Orthopedic Surgeon on 11th September. Now being mobilized with axillar crutches. She is still in the ward for monitoring.



Clement JATAU

A 7 year old Hausa boy from MoM, Otutulu. He being followed up for Chronic Osteomyelitis. Latest X-Ray ruled out Osteosarcoma. Full POP cast has been applied and he is being mobilized with axillary crutches. Because of his passion for Education and making friends, he has been asked to resume school at MoM Academy, Lokoja. He is jokingly referred to as “master of the wards” as he has welcomed and watched many patients discharged for 4 months. He has been in our previous reports.



Habibat AUDU

A 10 year old, Igala girl brought unconscious from Jos, Plateau State on 9th September. Though history was not trustworthy since the caregiver/guardian at Jos was not present, persistent fever and deepening unconsciousness were the major worries. A working diagnosis of Cerebral Malaria with differential diagnoses of Meningitis and Encephalitis to rule out Viral Haemorrhagic fevers were made. Treatment was commenced immediately along with a barrage of investigations. It was a very difficult and unpredictable condition but effort was never relented. It was a joyous moment when patient's condition dramatically improved on the 6th day as she came out of coma. She continued improving daily until she was certified stable for discharge on 19th September. Parents remain grateful to God for the care at MoM Medical Centre.

Chronic Leg Ulcer

About 70 year old, Muslim, Ebira woman from Ajaokuta who presented with a gangrenous foul smelling right foot ulcer said to have developed following a motor bike accident. She was found to be Diabetic and hypertensive. Sugar and BP levels have been well controlled. The gangrenous part of the foot has been debrided severally. Wound is now clean and granulating well.



Zaina ABDULLAHI is a 4 year old girl who had a surgical repair for Acquired club foot on 18th September. She has been quite active and moving around. This intervention has brought joy to the whole family especially the father.





Mubarak in his mother's arm

Mubarak ISIAKA is a 3month, Igala baby Boy who presented with a back swelling from birth (Meningomyelocele). He was operated by the Neurosurgeon on the 17th September. Baby is so far doing fine and being monitored on bed.

APPRECIATION

We are pleased by the various Medical and Surgical specialist who come to visit MoM Medical centre in times of need to carry out specialized procedures. We remain grateful to all staff who are putting effort beyond just the professional requirement.

MoM Medical Center Outlet Otutulu.

Mubarak is Stable after Surgery. Mubarak is one of the babies in our orphanage at Otutulu. He had a congenital anomaly known as spina bifida. This mass was complicated by an ulceration which was being dressed at our clinic outlet at Otutulu until his referral to MoM Medical Center at Lokoja for surgery. Surgery was successful. He is back home at the Otutulu orphanage.





General Healthcare Statistics

General

General out-patient department visits	226
Ward admissions	38
Surgical procedures	08
Total no. who received drugs	291
Total number of laboratory tests done	600
Number of transfusions	11

Preventive Primary Health Care:

Immunizations (within the hospital)	
Number of children immunized	92
Number of doses received	243
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	34
Number of doses	34
Contraception.	
Women received contraceptives	04

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. 19 women had child deliveries free of charge within the month, 7 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.



Third Cesarean section in One Woman

A booked, 25 year old, Muslim, Yoruba, lady in her 3rd pregnancy had a planned C.S on account of 2 previous C.S on 17th September 2020. The outcome was good as she was so elated on 24th September during her discharge from the ward.

C-Section on Account Of Short Stature

A booked, 30 year old, Christian, Bassa Nge lady had Elective C.S on account of short stature, big baby and previous C.S on 18th September 2020. The outcome was excellent. They were discharged on 25th September 2020.



Third C- Section in Another Woman

A booked, 29 year old, Muslim, Ebira lady in her 3rd pregnancy. The 2 previous pregnancies ended in Caesarian section of which 1 is alive. She presented in labour and had Emergency C.S on 19th September 2020. Baby and mother did well and were discharged on 26th September 2020.



Obstructed and Prolonged Labor. She is an unregistered client who presented with 4 days prolonged/obstructed and had an emergency C.S. However, the intervention could save only her life as the baby which was severely asphyxiated could not make it. Grief counselling was done. She now looks into the future with hope.

Obstructed Labor, HIV infection and Cesarean Section

An unregistered, 28 year old, Muslim, Igala lady presented with evidence of obstructed labour after unsuccessful attempts at delivery from a peripheral Centre. She was also found to be Retroviral positive. She had an emergency C.S on the 21st September. Mother was commenced on HAART gotten from the Kogi State Specialist Hospital and advised to register, while the baby was placed on post exposure prophylaxis. She was so impressed with the level of counselling and encouragement while being discharged 7days later.

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	07	26
Week 2	05	23
Week 3	06	25
Week 4	04	25
Week 5	04	24
Total	29	128
Grand Total Number of Visits		157
Other Free Consultation (Children below 1 year, orphans and indigents) excluding pregnant women		31
Number of Deliveries		
C-Sections		03
Normal Deliveries		18
Total Births		21
Number Who Received Drugs for Free (Children below 1 year, orphans, pregnant women and indigents)		132
Number Who Had Laboratory Tests for Free		120
Total Number of Free Surgical Procedures		03

THE GOSPEL:

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

The Gospel Presented To a Muslim after Surgery

Her story is already told in the charity section of this report. She was a booked, 29 year old, Muslim, Ebira lady in her 3rd pregnancy. The 2 previous pregnancies ended in Caesarian section of which 1 is alive. She presented in labour and had Emergency C.S on 19th September 2020. She was ministered to and responded positively to the gospel of Christ. Baby and mother did well and were discharged on 26th September.



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,

Dr. Samuel Alhassan and Dr. Friday Odiba

On behalf of the Medical Director,

MoM Medical Center



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MINISTRY OF MERCY ORPHANAGES

During the month of September, the two locations of MoM Orphanage – 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 September.
 - i. Baby David Yusuf joined the Ministry of Mercy orphanage Lokoja on September 16, 2020 for his upkeep following the death of his mother on September 9, 2020. Baby David was born on January 15, 2020.
He hails from Koton-Karfi L.G.A of Kogi State. It was agreed that the baby will be reunited to his biological family after two years.



- ii. MoM orphanage Lokoja received yet another newborn baby Adaki Aliyu on September 21, 2020 who hails from Agum L.G.A of Nasarawa State. He was brought to the orphanage for his upkeep following the death of his mother which resulted from excessive bleeding during delivery. Please pray God's watch over these newborn.



- **Handing Over of Baby Omeiza Bello.** Baby Omeiza was brought to MoM orphanage Lokoja on January 17, 2020 by the Kogi State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (MWASD) for his upkeep pending further investigation. After a period of eight months, the MWASD wrote for his withdrawal and the baby was formally handed over to the MWASD on September 22, 2020.



- Baby Mohammed is one of the motherless babies in the care of Mom orphanage Lokoja who came in on March 9, 2020 to be cared for a period of two years following the death of his mother shortly after delivery. He was immediately rushed to the hospital and was on admission for about nine days because he couldn't cry, which was said to be a case of **Neonatal Sepsis** and **Hypocalcaemia**. He also developed seizures with **myoclonic spasms (Jerks)** and was referred to the National Hospital Abuja. The management asked the family to lend a helping hand in going with the baby to the hospital while the orphanage will be responsible for the hospital bills. They apparently accepted and came and took the baby, but surprisingly took the baby and the money they got from the management to the village for herbal treatment.

We are still willing to provide the baby with milk for his upkeep until he is two years of age if that is okay with the family.

Please, pray for God's watch and divine healing over baby Mohammed wherever he is.



MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

a. Poultry

During the month of September, we had a drop in egg production by 6-7 crates on daily basis for a period of two weeks. This affected farm sustainability for this period.

We consulted our Vet. who made some recommendations which were promptly carried out, and we are coming up gradually.



b. Crop farming

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



- ii. MoM orphanage has always utilized her large farmland to provide food for the family. We have planted beans over tens of hectares which will be due for harvest in few months.



c. **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.

Since we have not been able to restock our fishpond, we are currently buying 5 cartons of Ice fish per week to feed our children in the two homes.

Please, pray for resources to sustain the farm.



d. **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.



MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

MoM Christian Academy has resumed full academic activities in accordance with the directive of the Federal Government of Nigeria. This brought smile to the faces of both students and teachers alike. The school calendar and time table have been adjusted to accommodate to workload for the term.



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 every safe child birth and patient recovery at MoMMC.
3. Thank God for his protection from a huge fire accident that occurred in Lokoja few weeks ago. A petrol tanker lost control off the main road and fell. Shortly after, it went up in flames with a mighty explosion. Bodies littered everywhere from the explosion. One of our girls had barely left that area before the accident took place. It is a great deliverance and testimony.
4. Pray for the new orphans admitted into the orphanage in the Month of September. May God grant the resources to raise them.
5. Pray for the converts at MoM Medical Center. May God give them a foundation that will abide. May He heal all their diseases.
7. Please pray for divine provision to enable us continue more for the Lord in the vineyard of the lord.
8. 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.
9. Please, earnestly pray for Nigeria as a nation. We are going through a trying time. Widespread protests with associated killings.

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

Dr Odiba Friday,

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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
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