

2021 APRIL UPDATES FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



We bring you APRIL greetings from Ministry of Mercy, Nigeria. We hope all is well with you.

Our April edition of our 2021 monthly updates from all the three arms of our mission (MoM Orphanages, MoM Christian Academy and MoM Medical Center) is here again. Here are some of our stories for the month.

MINISTRY OF MERCY ORPHANAGES



The two locations of MoM Orphanages – Otutulu village and Lokoja received and cared for many orphans and vulnerable people in the months of April. At the same time some who have been with us over the years and are due to be re-united with their families were also handed over to their relatives.

● **New arrivals.**

MoM Orphanages had 8 new arrivals in the month of April.

- i. MoM orphanage Otutulu received a newborn baby **Oigocho Ochogbe** on April 3,



2021. The baby was brought to the orphanage for her care and upkeep following the death of her mother shortly after she was born on April 1, 2021. The baby girl who is an Agatu by tribe hails from Olegadoba, Agatu LGA, Benue State.

- ii. **Hassana and Hussein Sunday** are a set of twin girls from Okpo in Olamaboro LGA of Kogi State, who were born on October 14, 2020 and brought to MoM Orphanage, Lokoja on April 9, 2021. Their mother died of an unknown illness according to the family members. They began to grow pale, dehydrated and malnourished because of the inability of the family to care for them properly.

The family, seeing their precious daughters were rapidly fading away resorted to crying out to the state government, through the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, which in turn, as usual, referred them to MoM Orphanage, Lokoja. We

gladly took them, but straight to our Medical Centre where they spent about a week on hospital admission. They finally regained strength and are now healthy.



- iii. On April 11, 2021, we woke up to a rather disturbing news of a girl – name unknown (now called Ruth) of about four to five years old with multiple congenital disabilities, being abandoned by the access road that leads to MoM Orphanage in Lokoja, Kogi State.

This news was reported to us at the orphanage by a villager. We went ahead and contacted the Madaki (the traditional ruler) of the community so that he can make a formal report of the case to the government, but unfortunately, there was no response from the Madaki and the rest of the chiefs. We tried to inquire from the villagers on the reason they kept mute on this serious matter. Unfortunately, they replied that this should be the business and responsibility of the Orphanage.

The Orphanage went ahead to report to the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development who would not give any response, while the child sits under the hot sun and the cold of the night for over 24 hours. But, while the wait was getting longer than necessary, Ministry of Mercy Orphanage could not take “her eye of Mercy” off the child, then took it upon herself to contract a nanny to take care of this child. This is based on a mutual contract that the nanny would take **one thousand naira (N1,000)**

daily to enable us keep the child for the main time pending when the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development would come up with a substantial arrangement on what to do concerning the upkeep of the girl.



- iv. On April 15, 2021, baby Kirklin Elijah Sunday was brought to MoM orphanage



Otutulu following the death of his mother shortly after his birth on April 11, 2021. The boy who is an Agatu by tribe hails from a christian family in Ejima Gagah, Agatu LGA, Benue State.

- v. On the 16th of April, 2021, **Chartal Marvelous Ojodomo** was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage Otutulu for her care and upkeep following the death of her mother few days after her birth on April 8, 2021. Chartal hails from Ejinya Oja Omale, Ankpa,LGA, Kogi State. We know that the Lord who preserved her life will make a wonder out of her.



- vi. MoM orphanage Otutulu received yet another newborn on April 24, 2021. Ojonugwa Elijah was brought to MoM Orphanage Otutulu for his care and upkeep after the death of his mother on April 23, 2021 as a result of complications from C-Section. The boy hails from Ojoko Ibado, Agatu LGA, Benue State. He will be reunited with his biological family after two (2) years.



- vii. On April 30, 2021, baby Zoweh Isah was brought to MoM orphanage Otutulu following the death of her mother on April 27, 2021 shortly after delivery. The girl who is an Igala by tribe hails from Ugwolawo, Ofu LGA of Kogi State. Please, pray that she may live to fulfil purpose.



- **Handing over:**

- i. Twin babies Goodness and Mercy Zhiya who were brought to MoM orphanage, Otutulu for their care and upkeep after the death of their mother were formally handed over to their biological father on April 3, 2021 haven reached the agreed term of assistance during the time of their admission.

Please, pray that they may grow to know the Lord Jesus Christ even as they go into the wider world.



- ii. On April 10, 2021, baby Favor Ojodale Agada was formally handed over to her biological family having reached two years of age which the agreed term of assistance during the time of Favor's admission.



- On April 24, 2021, one of our older boys, Elijah Pekshika followed the Lord in Baptism.



Our hearts overflow with an endless stream of joy whenever we see our children grow in the things of God. Please pray that he and many others that were baptized recently will stand tall for God even in this evil day.

- **Wedding Ceremony:** Our sister Enyo Blessing Edeh, youngest of Daddy Daniel's biological daughters got married to her beloved husband Etienne Kinney on the 18th of April, 2021 in the US.

Daddy and mommy were in attendance alongside other family members and friends of MoM in the US.

May God build for them a home where he will rule and reign as king.





Pray for Uncle Daniel Edeh. As mentioned above, our proprietor, Uncle Daniel Edeh and his wife Mrs. Esther are on a visit to the United States, during which they attended the wedding of Enyo (their daughter). In the course of their stay, he has had to go through medical consultations and procedures due to some health challenges he has had. The good news is that, after all the diagnostic assessment, what had the semblance of a cancer has turned out to be benign. Although, he is required to take drugs for several months from now due to the discomfort of the symptoms, dealing with a cancer would have been a worse situation.

MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

a. Poultry

- i. **Layers:** egg production has dropped to an average of 2 crates per day. Since the birds are almost done laying, we kill some of them to feed our children in Otutulu.



- ii. Our new set of 300 growers are growing fast and we can't wait to start picking eggs from them.



We would never be able to thank God enough for always ensuring that our needs are provided for at the right time.

- iii. Our set of 200 broilers are fast growing. They should be ready for food in less than a month. Plans are already on ground to book for another set of 200 and 100 broilers for MoM Orphanages Otutulu and Lokoja respectively.



- b. **Crop farming:** MoM orphanage Otutulu has continued cassava processing to feed the two locations of the Orphanage – Otutulu and Lokoja.



- 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. Please, pray for resources to sustain the farm.



MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



- MoM Christian Academy employed the services of Mr Omale Onuche as a subject teacher in a bid to give her students the best education. He assumed duty on April 8, 2021 and hope to be around for some good time.



We also made a call for application to fill the vacant spaces and we had 11 applicants out of which 9 were successful and shall be joining us in June.



- Our annual inter-house/children's day celebration is by the corner and athletic, debate



and quiz competition has already begun. Red house won in athletics, Purple house and Yellow house won in the first phase of the debate and quiz competition and shall face each other in the grand finale slated for May 27, 2021.



Daycare Program

Our daycare program was largely successful in the month of April. The children are now familiar with their new coordinators and are making good progress. Our major now is the cost of running generators and buying pampers and snacks for our babies and toddlers.

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, 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.

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**. **17** women had **child deliveries free of charge** within the month, **5** 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.

Khadijat ABUBAKAR

36 year old in her 2nd pregnancy. She had an elective CS at 37 weeks of pregnancy due to twin pregnancy and previous CS. The outcome was quite successful. The 2 boys and the mother are doing well.



Joy RAJI

40 year old, Ebira woman in her 5th pregnancy with 4 children alive. Antenatal care was uneventful. Fetal lie remained breech till term. Hence, due to the breech, a big baby and advanced maternal age, she had an elective CS. A baby boy with birth weight of 4.0kg was extracted. Mother and baby are doing well.



Fatima MUHAMMED

35 years old, Ebira lady, a mother of 3 children, presented in her 5th pregnancy. Antenatal care period was essentially normal. She however, had an operative delivery due to a previous scar. Mother and baby are doing well.



Faith TEMITOPE

25 years old, Yoruba lady, a mother of 1 child, presented in her 3rd pregnancy with premature rupture of membrane at 34 weeks of gestation. Due to a scar from previous CS she had an operative delivery. Though the baby is preterm, it was mature and has been doing well.



Halimat IBRAHIM

A 30 year old, Egbura lady who has 4 children. She presented in her 5th pregnancy with severe anaemia, prolonged labour and fetal distress. Has history of 2 previous CS. She has an emergency CS. The baby died next day due to severe sepsis and neonatal asphyxia. She survived and with her husband really appreciated the staff of the hospital for their care.



Baby OLADUNJOYE

2nd of a twin set delivered at 34 weeks of gestation via Emergency Caesarian Section following prolonged premature rupture leading to fetal distress. Birth weight was 1.5Kg. Baby did well in the incubator for 10 days. Was breastfeeding well before discharge as the parents could not afford to stay for baby to gain weight up to 2.5kg as instructed by the Pediatrician. However, in a follow up, weight had increased to 1.8kg. Baby is still doing well.



Mary HARUNA

43 years old, Yoruba woman, mother of 4, presented with 3 years history of vaginal bleeding and “something protruding down her vagina”. She had an operation in which a huge, degenerating and fungating uterine polyp was removed. She is delighted to be free of what the husband termed a reproach. She is doing well.



Mercy AMODU

24 year old, Igala lady in her 1st pregnancy. She presented with vaginal bleeding over 6 weeks with a distended abdomen in excess of the age of the pregnancy. Ultrasound studies was in keeping with invasive mole. An abdominal tap yielded blood necessitating an emergency exploration of the abdomen. The findings in surgery were perforated Uterus at the fundus and bilateral multiple ovarian cyst. Repair of the perforation and marsupialization of the cysts was done. A delayed surgery would have been fatal; she is saved by a timely intervention. The patient remarkably improved within 2 days and has been improving by the day.



Aisha MUHAMMED

35 years old, Fulani woman, a mother of 8 children presented in her 11th pregnancy at 33 weeks with severe anaemia and intra uterine fetal death. She had a stressful and messy but successful surgery with massive blood transfusion. She is recuperating.

Statistics on Charity Services

Antenatal care statistics		
Week	New patients	Patients on follow-up
Week 1	20	06
Week 2	22	04
Week 3	09	03
Week 4	06	02
Total	37	15
Grand Total Number of Visits		52
Other Free Consultation (Children below 1 year, orphans and indigents) excluding pregnant women		45
Number of Deliveries		
C-Sections		05
Normal Deliveries		15
Total Births		20
Number Who Received Drugs for Free (Children below 1 year, orphans, pregnant women and indigents)		103
Number Who Had Laboratory Tests for Free		20
Total Number of Free Surgical Procedures		05

Preventive Primary Health Care:

Immunizations (within the hospital)	
Number of children immunized	57
Number of doses received	125
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	16
Number of doses	16
Contraception:	
Women received contraceptives	4

GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

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



Beshiru SUMAILA

A 25 year old, Igala young man presented with a 3 month history of a hard mass at the right upper part of the back. He had a successful surgery. The mass was sent to the Pathologist to determine the type of mass which is highly suspected to be a cancer - Rhabdomyosarcoma. He did well post surgery but yet to return to commence chemotherapy.



Noel HALILU

22 years old, Igala young man with over 1 year history of jaw swelling. Biopsies taken for histology made the diagnosis of:

1. Parotid mass: Chronic Sialadenitis and Reactive non specific Lymphadenitis
2. Submandibular Mass: High grade Mucoepidermoid moderately differentiated Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the salivary gland.

He was initially referred to the Federal Medical Centre for the surgery but had to do it at the Ganaja Medical Centre. Following the surgery, he has been further referred to Abuja for Radiotherapy.



Joy AONDOWASE

14 year old JSS 1, TIV girl who drank Paraquat (non selective herbicide) after being rebuked and beaten by the family for delinquency and indiscipline. She had bouts of vomiting and mouth excoriations in the first week. She made some improvement but subsequently deteriorated and passed on. Counseling sessions by Dr David Aimila could not bring about peaceful resolution. The family has deposited the corpse in the mortuary and insists that the young man sexually involved with her must marry her properly and then take charge of burial rites.



Alimo BALA finally bows to Breast Cancer

The 35 year old mother of 4 was being managed for aggressive and advanced Breast Cancer. She had chemotherapy and was sent to National Hospital for radiotherapy. She returned in a very bad condition and slipped into unconsciousness 2 days later. She died on the 3rd day of readmission.

General Healthcare Statistics

General

General out-patient department visits	310
Old	230
New	72
Ward admissions	19
Surgical procedures	17
Total no. who received drugs	275
Total number of laboratory tests done	474
Number of transfusions	26

THE GOSPEL

In the month of April, MoM Medical Center witnessed the salvation of four souls! These included patients and companions. We are so grateful to God for this. It's like God gave us the arrears of souls for the past 4 months. As a Christian mission medical center, we value this aspect so much because this is an aspect that defines us. We pray that God will give roots to

these new seedlings. Unfortunately, One of them (Joy Aondowase) died not long after receiving Christ. It is our hope that she is in a better place now in the bosom of the Lord.

Our regular morning devotions and ward evangelism have continued as usual. Attendance has been very good.

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

Sincerely yours,

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Thank God for His love bestowed on all our orphans and staff at our orphanages.
2. Thank God for our daily supplies. No orphan goes to bed hungry or goes about naked. He that feeds the birds of the air and clothes the lilies has been faithful.
3. Thank God for the new staff members that MoM Christian Academy recently. We pray for increased productivity as they begin work with us.
4. Thank God for every safe child birth and patient recovery at MoM Medical Center.
5. Thank God for bringing the needy to us to care for them. We see this as a huge privilege. May we be found faithful.
6. As reported recently, we have received some abandoned children lately. Please pray that God who is drawn to the despised will show them his exceptional favor and give them keep them.
7. Please pray for our new babies admitted into the orphanage, that God will provide all their needs, both physically and spiritually.
8. Please, pray that God's healing hand will make Uncle Daniel's health whole again.
9. 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.

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 an orphan get a meal, diapers, infant formula/milk, clothes; you can help a pregnant woman access a doctor for expert 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

Here are options of the links through which you can send in your donations

Through EQUIP CANADA:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/equipping-christian-workers-society/#donate-now-pane>

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Through Partners in Joy (PiJ):

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www.ministryofmercy.org

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