

2021 AUGUST UPDATE FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



We bring you August greetings from Ministry of Mercy, Nigeria. We believe you are faring well.

Welcome to our monthly updates from all the three arms of our mission:

- MoM Orphanages
- MoM Christian Academy and
- MoM Medical Center.

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 who joined our large family in the month of August.

- **New arrivals:**

MoM Orphanages had 7 new arrivals in the month of August.

- Our Otutulu branch received twin babies **Ruth and Naomi** on August 11, 2021. The babies were brought to the orphanage for their care and upkeep following the death of their mother during childbirth on August 9, 2021. The lovelies hail from Nasarawa State of Nigeria. It was agreed for them to be reunited with their biological family after two years.



- Baby **Teshia Silver** was born on July 3, 2021 and was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage on August 24, 2021 for her care and upkeep following the death of her mother.



Teshia hails from a Christian home in Kogi State. Please, pray that Mary may grow to accept Jesus as her Lord and personal Savior. She will be reunited with her biological family after 2 years.

- iii. **Two Sets of Twin Girls (4 Babies at a Go!):** On August 30, 2021, our orphanage received two sets of twins (four baby girls), one from Nasarawa State and the other from within Kogi State. We need prayers for more aunties that will help in taking care of the ever increasing number of our babies.



● A NEW COOK EMPLOYED

Mrs Ruth Yahaya has been employed to joined MoM Lokoja joined our cooks in the orphanage to boost the work force in the kitchen. This is to ensure that our children have their meals ready at the appropriate time. Please, pray for divine provision of our human and material needs.



- **Christian Boys' Camp:**

Ministry of Mercy holds Christian camp program for girls and boys in April and August



respectively. Due to the outbreak of the pandemic Covid-19, we were not able to hold any of the programs last year. But, to the glory of God, we were able to hold our annual Christian boys' camp between 22 and 28 of August, 2021.

It is a week long program that features many activities all pointing to the saving grace of our Lord

Jesus Christ. We had campers of a little bit over 100 in attendance and about 70 workers. Many lives received Jesus as their Lord and savior and many others rededicated their lives to Jesus. Thank God for the workers who made themselves available to be used of God in reaching out to this young generation.

- **Arrival of Our Long Awaited Container:**

Our long awaited container from friends of MoM in the US finally arrived in June and we



were able to unload and now using the items for our children and staff. May God bless everyone who contributed in one way or the other to ensure that the container was delivered.

MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

a. Poultry

Layers: we are now picking an average of 8 crates from our poultry on daily basis which is being used in feeding our children in the two homes- Otutulu and Lokoja. This has significantly improved our children's diet.



b. Fish Pond:

By means of divine provision, we were able to restock our fish pond which has been down for some time for several reasons with 2000 fingerlings. We are happy that in a couple of months, we will have fish from our pond to feed our children in Otutulu and Lokoja.



Yours in HIM,

Alidu Monday, Sabo Yunusa and Ogijoh Joseph.

MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



Our schools continue to teem with basic school pupils and high school students alike. A Daycare center also caters for our toddlers.

Few notable events have taken place in the schools in August. Below are few highlights.

- **Our Basic School Pupils Write Exit Examinations.**

On August 7, 2021, our basic 6 pupils sat for the common entrance examination which determines who gets promoted to Secondary school (High School).



- **Send-Off for Our Graduating Pupils and Students:** On August 18, 2021, we had a send-off program for all our students in exit classes. Prizes were given to the best students from the classes and prayers were offered that the Lord may guide them even as they continue in their academic pursuit.



- **Government Officials of Education Visit MoM Schools:**

On August 19, 2021, we received a team of evaluators from Kogi State Ministry of Education for WAEC and NECO Centre recognition. After the exercise, the team made some recommendations, pointing out the areas we need to improve in preparation for WAEC and NECO team.



- **Parents Teachers Association (PTA) meeting:**

On Friday, August 20, 2021, we had our Parents and teachers meeting after which the school went on holidays which should last till September 20, 2021.



Daycare Program

Our daycare program has been largely successful. But our challenge has always been finances for smooth running. We cannot discontinue this program considering the many benefits to our babies.



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, **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.

Dolapo ADEWUMI: A 20 year old in her first pregnancy who had a smooth Antenatal Care. She, however, had to go through an emergency caesarean section due to prolonged labor. Mother and baby are doing well.



Habibat ALIYU, 41 years of age, in her 2nd pregnancy. Had an uneventful ANC. Due to history of previous CS and advanced maternal age, she had an elective CS. She and her baby girl are doing well.



Mummy Danjuma: 28 years old, is a mother of 4. She has a history of 2 previous Caesarean sections. Though she didn't register for ANC here, she presented in labor with vaginal bleeding. She had a live neonate via an emergency CS. Mother and baby are doing well.



Naomi LUCKY. A 25 year old mother of 2 in her 3rd pregnancy. The ANC period was uneventful. However, she had a prolonged labour during which there was prolonged rupture of membranes and fetal distress. She had emergency CS. Mother and baby are doing well.



Statistics on Charity Services

Antenatal care statistics		
Week	New patients	Patients on follow-up
Week 1	03	22
Week 2	05	20
Week 3	07	11
Week 4	07	20
Total	22	73
Grand Total Number of Visits		95
Other Free Consultation (Children below 1 year, orphans and indigents) excluding pregnant women		28
Number of Deliveries		
C-Sections		02
Normal Deliveries		15
Total Births		17
Number Who Received Drugs for Free (Children below 1 year, orphans, pregnant women and indigents)		135
Number Who Had Laboratory Tests for Free		18
Total Number of Free Surgical Procedures		02

Preventive Primary Health Care:

Immunizations (within the hospital)	
Number of children immunized	90
Number of doses received	250
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	15
Number of doses	20
Contraception:	
Women received contraceptives	2

GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

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



Sidi NURUDEEN

A 50 year old woman who presented with a left Inguinal (waist) swelling found out to be a hernia. She had a successful surgery and she is doing well.



Solomon B OLORUNMOLA

A 66 year old man with bilateral inguinal hernia. The repair was successful.

Augustine ONUGHA, 54 years old Man who had bilateral inguinal hernia. He is doing well following a successful bilateral herniorrhaphy.



Sunday EDOH A 60 year old Man who had a Left Inguinal Hernia. Surgery was successful.



Abdullahi ABDULKADIR, A 58 year old retired Police officer, now a farmer with had a scrotal mass which was excised. He is doing well and expected in Clinic to be reviewed with Histology report.



General Healthcare Statistics

General

General out-patient department visits	
Old	162
New	114
Total	276
Ward admissions	47
Surgical procedures	02
Total no. who received drugs	431
Total number of laboratory tests done	666
Number of transfusions	18

THE GOSPEL

Rosaline Babalola Gives her life to Christ!

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

Graciously God has made these evangelistic activities to be fruitful; Roseline Babalola was one of those we witnessed to and she surrendered her to Jesus, to the glory of God.

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, Dr. Friday Odiba and Pastor James A. Ogwuche

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 the lives of all our orphans and staff at our orphanages.
2. Thank God for divine provision for our orphans and vulnerable children.
3. Thank God for every safe child birth and patient recovery at MoM Medical Center.
4. Please pray for us as we need more caregivers to help us take care of the many orphaned babies at Ministry of Mercy Orphanages in Otutulu and Lokoja.
5. We need more helping hands to be able to handle this ever increasing number of orphans effectively. Please pray for us.
6. Thank God for a successful boy's camp program this year. Please pray that the spiritual effects be long lasting.
7. We are embarking on the following projects with steps of Faith: a) residential buildings at Otutulu and Lokoja Orphanages, b) kitchens/dining that can accommodate an average of 100 about dinners at MoM Lokoja and an average of about 200 dinners at MoM Otutulu. We trust that with God, all things are possible.
8. We have moved in and now worshiping in our chapel in Otutulu though it's far from completion. Praise the Lord there is roof but yet to have doors, windows, electrical, toilets facilities and seats.
9. The monthly staff salaries of our caregivers, our teachers as well as our medical staff/health workers.
10. Pray for our new converts. The Lord continues to add more souls steadily from our Sunday School classes, the services of the Ministry of Mercy Medical Centre as well as the Ministry of Mercy Christian Academy and from our various youths programs. Please pray for Rosaline Babalola who has just surrendered her life to Christ in the hospital, that God will give his a firm foundation in HIM.

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

Sincerely yours,

**Dr ODIBA Friday,
For the Publicity Unit,
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>

Through EQUIP USA:

<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/equipinternational>

Through Partners in Joy (PiJ):

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=5XJ6GYTCC36N8&source=url

Explore our website @: www.ministryofmercy.org

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