

2021 JANUARY UPDATES FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



Once again, Happy Twenty Twenty-One! God is merciful! He has kept us all and has given us more time to live for HIM by crossing us over into another year. As HE keeps adding to our years, may HE keep teaching us “to number our days so that we can apply our hearts unto wisdom.” Psalms 90:12

We bring you the first edition of our 2021 monthly updates from all the three arms of our mission (MoM Orphanages, MoM Christian Academy and MoM Medical Center). God has been faithful, and we are thankful for it. Below are some of our stories for the month.

MINISTRY OF MERCY ORPHANAGES



The MoM Orphanages – Otutulu village and Lokoja continue to receive and care for many orphans and vulnerable people.

- **New arrival.** MoM Orphanages had 1 new arrival in the month of January.

On January 23, 2021, baby Kashim Enyo-Ojo Favour was brought to MoM orphanage Otutulu following the death of her mother on January 21, 2020 as a result of complications from childbirth. Benjamin who is an Igala by tribe hails from Ogbogbo, Igalamela L.G.A, Kogi State. The baby will be reunited with his biological family after two years.



- **A New Chapel Building Under Construction in MoM Otutulu:**

The ministry has an ongoing church/school chapel building project. By God's grace it has been raised to roofing level.



- **A New Chaplain Now at MoM Lokoja.**

Pastor James Ogwuche is the new chaplain posted to the orphanage in Lokoja. He resumed duty in January 2021. He ministers to the orphanage and the medical center.



MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

a. Poultry

Layers: During the month of January, we had a drop in egg production by 4-5 crates per day which is believed to have resulted from hot weather condition.



We now pick an average of 10 crates of eggs from our over 600 active layers on a daily basis, out of which 8 crates are used to feed our children in Otutulu and Lokoja.

New Broilers: In the month of January, MoM Orphanage Lokoja received another set of 100 broilers. This is with a projected view of consuming 10 broilers in the two homes on daily basis.



New Layers to Replace Retiring Ones: Our 2000 older layers are just about being done laying eggs – Henopause (Something like menopause for chickens). So, to ensure that we continually have eggs to feed our children in the two homes we bought another set of 300 3-week-old pullets.



b. Crop Farming: We have continued cassava processing to feed the two locations of the Orphanage – Otutulu and Lokoja.

By means of divine provision, we were able to buy a fairly used Mitsubishi truck to be used in transporting our farm produce from the farm to the compound. This has made cassava processing a bit easier for our family.



c. Fish pond

Our fish pond is 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.

d. **Our Piggery.** The pigs in our piggery are doing great. This has continued to be a huge source of meat for our large family.



e. The Tractor Project.

Our dream to purchase an MF-375 agricultural tractor with various farming accessories is still very much alive. We earnestly look forward to a time when we can farm on a much larger scale with less labor. It will solve a chunk of our challenges in providing food for the family. We are asking and trusting the God who is able to do exceedingly abundantly



above all we can ask or imagine, who shall provide all our needs according to HIS riches in Glory. The tractor for us, is now a need rather than a luxury.



MF375

75 HP



PERFORMANCE

Maximum engine power at 2,200 rpm	75 (B.S) hp
Maximum torque at 1,400 rpm	290 Nm
Maximum PTO power at rated engine speed	69.5 hp**
PTO power at 540 rpm	63.0 hp
*Certified to BU AU 141a : (1971)	
** Manufacturer's estimate	

ENGINE

Type	Diesel / 4.248
No. Of Cylinders	4
Injection	Direct
Bore	101 mm
Stroke	127 mm
Capacity	4.07 l
Compression ratio	16 : 1
Aspiration	Natural
Starting Aid	Thermostat
Throttle control	Hand and foot
Cooling	Water
Air Cleaner Type	Oil bath
Air Pre-Cleaner	Over Bonnet
Fuel filter	Dual, high capacity
Exhaust	Vertical muffler under bonnet

ELECTRICS

Voltage	12 V, Negative Earth
Battery	110 Ah
Starter	2.8 kW
Alternator	45 Amp

CLUTCH

Type	Dual clutch
Diameter	305 x 254 mm
Lining Material	Cerametallic

TRANSMISSION

Type	Sliding Spur
Number of gears	8 forward, 2 reverse
Road speed at 2,200 engine rpm with 16.9 / 14 - 30 rear tyres	
Gear	Speed (kph)
Forward 1 (first low)	2.3
Forward 2	3.4
Forward 3	4.7
Forward 4	6.3
Forward 5 (first high)	9.3
Forward 6	13.6
Forward 7	18.6
Forward 8	25.0
Reverse 1 (low)	3.2
Reverse 2 (high)	12.7

POWER TAKE OFF

Type	Live
Engine speed at 540 PTO rpm	1,789 rpm
Shaft diameter	35 mm
no. Of splines	6

HYDRAULICS

Functions	Draft control, Position control, Response control, Constant pumping
Pump Type	Reciprocating Ferguson Pump
Maximum Oil Flow	16.7 l / min
Maximum Pressure	21.2 Mpa at normal operating temperature
Max. Lift capacity with lower links horizontal	2,145 kg
Lower Links	With cat. I & II interchangeable balls

FRONT AXLE

Type	Heavy duty Box Section, Adjustable
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STEERING

Type	Hydrostatic
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REAR AXLE AND BRAKES

Rear Axle	Straddle with epicyclic reduction unit
Brake Type	oil immersed, multi-disc
Brake pedal	Pendant
Braking Area	1,774 sq. cm.
Brakes Actuation	Hydraulic
Parking Brake	Hand Lever operated

INSTRUMENTATION

Gauges	Technometer, Hourmeter, Fuel level, Battery condition & Water temperature
Warning lights	Direction indicators, Battery charge, Headlight main beam, Low engine oil pressure & Brake lights, Auxiliary socket

TYRES

Front	7.50 - 16 (6PR)
Rear	16.9 / 14 - 30 (6PR)

TRACK ADJUSTMENT

Front	1,271 - 1,881 mm
Rear	1,423 - 2,134 mm

WEIGHTS AND DIMENSIONS

Weight

Gross Weight	2,355 kg
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Dimensions

Wheel base	2,170 mm
Overall Length	3,760 mm
Overall width (min)	1,970 mm

Height

Over exhaust	2,485 mm
Over steering wheel	1,730 mm

Turning circle

with brakes	7,260 mm
Without brakes	8,095 mm

Ground clearance

Under gear box	465 mm
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CAPACITIES

Fuel tank	108.0 l
Engine pump	7.5 l
Cooling system	15.2 l
Hydraulic system	36.0 l
Hydrostatic steering reservoir	2.0 l
Oil bath air-cleaner	0.7 l
Brake oil	0.25 l

STANDARD EQUIPMENT

Weight frame without weights, standard tool box with set of tools, Top link, Top link end cat-i, Cat-I & II balls, Check chains, Stabiliser chains, Spring suspension seat, Flat top fenders & operator's Manual

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

Front end weights, swinging drawbar, sun Canopy, pintle hook and 9 hole drawbar

Getting it costs over N 10,000,000 (Ten million naira) which is about 20,000 USD. Painstaking effort is being put into raising the fund.

MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



- **Resumption from the Holidays**

The Christmas and New Year holidays are gone. The first term break is over.

MoM Christian Academy resumed academic activities for the 2020/2021 session on January 4, 2021.

Both students and teachers alike were happy to see their long missed faces again.



- **New Teachers for the School**

MoM Christian academy in a bid to give her students the best of Education employed the services of two additional teachers; Mr. Haruna Ichado and Mr. Ibrahim Bameyi both from Iyale.

Mr. Ichado a graduate of Industrial Chemistry from Kogi State University has been assigned to teach Chemistry in our Senior Secondary Classes



Mr. Bameyi who studied Mathematics and Physics from Kogi State College of Education is assigned to teach Mathematics in our junior classes.



Please, pray for resources to be able to meet the ever increasing human and material demands of the school.

• The Daycare Program

We resumed daycare program in January. Just as stated in our last report, we have great need of human and material resources to give it the shape we desire.



“No project is too big for a determined heart”.

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.

GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

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

MoM Medical Center Now Wears a New Look: The New Year 2021 comes with a new look for our Medical Center. We look forward to new things this year. May God fulfill this desire in ways He will choose to.



MoM MEDICAL CENTER IN 2020



MoM MEDICAL IN 2021



Successful Hernia repair for Mr Adaka

John ADAKA, is a 75 year old retired cop. He has lived with a hernia which he had endured for years but has become so discomforting of late. He therefore presented at MoMMC. He had a successful repair of the right inguinal Hernia.

Leg Ulcer responding to treatment

Mr Noah IGBA sustained a Left leg Ulcer from a cut. This expanded and became infected causing discomfort, limitation of movement and severe pain. With aggressive cleaning and dressing, wound is now granulating and healing well.



Mummy Ramatu goes home

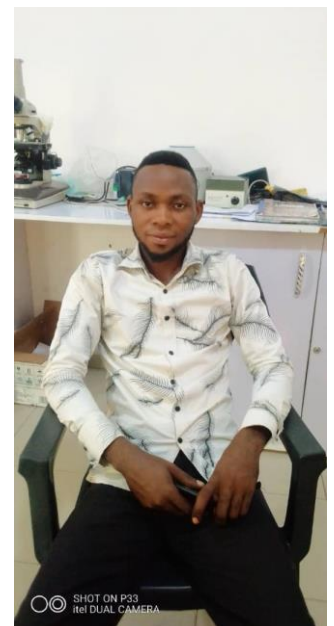
Ramatu MUHAMMED, about 70 year old woman was brought all the way from Dekina on account of gross abdominal distention, abdominal pain and cough over 3 years. She was being evaluated for Chronic Liver Disease (CLD) to rule out Abdominal Tuberculosis before she developed complications, deteriorated and died.

A victim of rape resuscitated

A.J. a 27 year Lady, a mother of 2 was assaulted and sexually abused by a commercial motorcyclist. She woke up in the bush, not far from the lonely road, hours later, naked with her dressings by her side. She was brought into the hospital by her elder brother who insisted on medical examination and treatment while the husband lingered. She was nursed to full consciousness. The husband who initially drew back, was counseled and cooperated afterwards. He said he was going to inform the Police. Rape cases are grossly under reported for so many reasons.

New staff Employment

The New Year is also greeted with employment of several new staff in order to enable the hospital offer more proficient services. Meet these new faces of MoMMC. In order of appearance, they are: **David Ojo** (Medical Lab. Scientist), **Peter Meshak** (Nurse), **Mrs. Salle Felicia** (Medical Lab. Technician), **Ocheje Hannah** (Community Health Extension Worker), **Igonoh Mercy** (Community Health Extension Worker), **Shuaibu Francisca** (Community Health Extension Worker), **Miri Poncwat** (Medical Lab. Scientist). This implies a much higher wage bill. God is up to the task, we believe.



General Healthcare Statistics

General

General out-patient department visits	160
• Old patients	109
• New patients	51
Ward admissions	39
Surgical procedures	12
Total no. who received drugs	250
Total number of laboratory tests done	306
Number of transfusions	05

Preventive Primary Health Care:

Immunizations (within the hospital)	
Number of children immunized	66
Number of doses received	146
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	16
Number of doses	16
Contraception:	
Women received contraceptives	03

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**. **16 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.



Safe delivery for Victoria via CS

Victoria JOSEPH, a 20 year old in her 1st pregnancy had a smooth ANC with us at MoMMC. Labour commenced but failed to progress due to obstruction. She subsequently had emergency caesarian section. Mother and child did well.



2nd successful CS for Blessing

Blessing UNUBI, a 29 year old in her 3rd pregnancy. 1st pregnancy ended in a CS. 2nd pregnancy a vbac (vaginal birth after CS). She desired vaginal delivery but had emergency CS after labour failed to progress. The outcome was excellent; mother and child are fine.



Successful CS births for Vera

Vera EMMANUEL, a 32 year old in her 2nd pregnancy. Her 1st pregnancy ended in a CS due to big baby and severe Hypertension in Pregnancy. She had an elective CS for previous scar, big baby and pregnancy induced hypertension. Excellent outcome.





Successful CS for Tosin

Oluwatosin UMAR, presented in her 3rd pregnancy. The previous pregnancies ended in spontaneous vaginal deliveries. Presentation in this 3rd pregnancy remained breech so, she had a CS. The outcome was good- a healthy mother and baby.



Baby Oladipo refuses the Knife

Blessing OLADIPO, a 28 year old in her 1st pregnancy had an uneventful ANC but was scheduled for elective CS on account of Cephalopelvic disproportion. However, she went into spontaneous labour and had assisted vaginal delivery. The healthy mother and baby are doing well.

A disastrous end averted for Fatima

Fatima TIJANI, a 19 year old in her first pregnancy had no Antenatal care though she lives within the neighborhood of MoMMC. She was in labour for 2 days before presentation with obstruction. She had an emergency CS in which a dead, macerated baby was removed. Obviously, the end would have been disastrous if not for the timely intervention. She was in the hospital for 7 days before discharge. In a follow up review, she appeared to be doing well, looking quite cheerful and grateful to MoMMC. She has been consoled and counseled to ensure Antenatal Care in her next pregnancy.



Hannah saved but baby lost

Hannah DAVID, a 32 year old in her 3rd pregnancy. The 2 previous pregnancies one of which ended in C/S with stillbirth has left her with no child. In view of this bad obstetrics history, she was booked for Elective C/S at 38 weeks of gestation. However, she didn't turn up till labour was obstructed almost a month later. An emergency C/S could only save her life as the baby didn't survive. Here again, resurfaces the challenges we face here. Nevertheless, she has been counseled against next pregnancy.

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

Statistics on Charity Services

Antenatal care statistics		
Week	New patients	Patients on follow-up
Week 1	00	28
Week 2	09	10
Week 3	05	18
Week 4	03	12
Week 5	09	20
Total	26	88
Grand Total Number of Visits		114
Other Free Consultation (Children below 1 year, orphans and indigents) excluding pregnant women		27
Number of Deliveries		
C-Sections		05
Normal Deliveries		11
Total Births		16
Number Who Received Drugs for Free (Children below 1 year, orphans, pregnant women and indigents)		124
Number Who Had Laboratory Tests for Free		27
Total Number of Free Surgical Procedures		05

THE GOSPEL:

As mentioned earlier, our new chaplain, Pastor James Ogwuche resumed in January 2021, and has taken over the coordination of the spiritual activities of the Medical Center and the orphanage in Lokoja. For the gospel report in January, He writes thus:

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Greetings to you.

Thanks be to the God and father of our lord and savior Jesus Christ who called us into the ministry of reconciliation.

The daily morning devotion is going on very well with all the members of staff and some sick ones who have come to be attended to, and some of those who are on admission in bed that join us.

All we see is the hand of God in his healing grace and testimony of his goodness from both the staff members and the sick ones. The devotion is very encouraging as it is well attended on daily basis.

Evangelism in the Wards

The evangelism in the ward is being faithfully carried out every day. Almost everybody listens to the message of salvation through our lord and savior Jesus Christ and prayers for healing. Though sometimes some individuals will resist the preaching of the gospel, none has ever resisted not to be prayed for. Their response to accept the lord Jesus Christ as the savior of mankind has not been encouraging. No one has done so yet; but we are not discouraged knowing that the Lord will intervene for us for his name sake.

Request:

Be with us in prayers for God to open their inner eyes to embrace the gospel.

Yours in his vine yard,

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James A. Ogwuche

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. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Every blessing we count in Ministry of Mercy come from God.
2. We also appreciate HIM for crossing us over into the new year – 2021
3. Thank God for every safe child birth and patient recovery at MoMMC.
4. Thank God for HIS supplies for the hundreds of orphans in our homes. HE has ensured that none goes about unclothed, none goes to bed hungry and none lacks a roof over his head. Thank God for human supporters HE has used. May their hands never run dry in Jesus name.
5. Pray for more provision for the increasing work and work force at Ministry of Mercy. May the work never suffer lack.
6. As we pursue some projects, including the tractor for farming, may we experience the undeniable help of God.
7. Please still remember Alimo in your prayers as she battles breast cancer at an advanced stage. She does not know the Lord Jesus Christ yet, please ask for a divine encounter with eternal life for her.
8. 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>

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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