

2021 MARCH UPDATES FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



We bring you March greetings from everyone at Ministry of Mercy, Nigeria.

We bring you the March 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 two locations of MoM Orphanages – Otutulu village and Lokoja received and cared for many orphans and vulnerable people in the months of March.

- **New arrivals.**

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

- MoM orphanage Otutulu received a newborn baby **Miracle Friday** on March 6, 2021. The baby was brought to the orphanage for his care and upkeep following the death of his mother shortly after he was delivered on February 8, 2021. The boy who is an Igala by tribe hails from Otukpo Ojile, Ankpa LGA, Kogi State.



- On March 07, 2021, baby Hadiza Hassan was brought to MoM orphanage Otutulu following the death of her mother few months after his birth on December 10, 2020 after a brief illness. **Hadiza Hassan** who is a Nupe by tribe hails Ogba, Omala L.G.A, Kogi State. Please, pray that her moslem family will come to know the Lord Jesus Christ.



iii. On the 14th of March 2021, Ebenezer Difference was brought to Ministry of Mercy



Orphanage Otutulu for his care and upkeep following the death of his mother during childbirth on March 13, 2021. The family lost Ebenezer's twin to the cold hands of death shortly before they left their home for the Orphanage. We know that

the god Lord who preserved his life will make a wonder out of him.

The boy who is an Itsoko by tribe hails from Igbiide, Ole L.G.A of Delta State.

The family, whose trade is fishing resides in bagana, Omala L.G.A, Kogi State.

iv. On the 16th of March, 2021, baby Dorathy Danladi was brought to the Ministry of



Mercy Orphanage Otutulu for her care and upkeep following the death of her mother as a result of complications from childbirth on March 14, 2021. Lovely baby Dorathy hails from a Christian family in Odenin Gida, Nasarawa LGA, Nasarawa State.

- v. MoM orphanage Lokoja received yet another newborn on March 21, 2021.



Baby Godwin Kazata was brought to MoM Orphanage Lokoja for his care and upkeep after the death of his mother on March 20, 2021 as a result of complications from childbirth. The boy hails from Sebi, Toto LGA, Nasarawa State.

He will be reunited with his biological family after two (2) years.

- vi. Ministry of Mercy Orphanage Otutulu received yet another new born baby Joseph



Japhet on March 26, 2021. The baby was brought to the orphanage following the death of his mother on March 24, 2021 shortly after delivery. The boy who is an Igala by tribe hails from Iyale, Dekina LGA of Kogi State.

- vii. A baby girl of about a week old was dropped by our gate at Otutulu in the early hours



of March 28, 2021 by two unknown men who came on a motorbike along Iyale-Oganenigu road. The two men fled away having hurriedly dropped the baby before our security officer could come out. We picked the baby for her care and upbringing and also reported to necessary security agencies.

Please, pray for more hands to be able to take care of this ever increasing number of motherless babies.

- **Handing over:** One of our boys at the Orphanage, Jacob Samuel was officially handed



over to his biological family on the 10th of March, 2021. During Jacob's admission, it was agreed for him to be united to his family after two years, but unfortunately, the family absconded over the years. They came looking for him when we

have lost hope of having them come for their boy.

Please, keep remembering Jacob in your prayers that he may grow in the knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

- On March 14, 2021, seven of our church members, 6 of which are our children followed the Lord in Baptism.

Please, pray that they may stand tall for God even in this perverse generation.



MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

a. Poultry

- i. **Layers:** egg production has dropped to an average of 4 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 grower are fast growing 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.

- 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



- Mr. Bameyi Ibrahim who joined MoM Christian Academy in January as a Mathematics teacher discontinued his services on the 5th of March 2021.

He was made to officially handover all school properties and we bid him farewell afterwards. Please, pray that we may find replacement for the vacuum he has created and many other vacant spaces.



- Ministry of Mercy Christian Academy held a Parent-Teacher Association meeting on the 5th of March 2021. The school management brought to the notice of parents the new subjects to be introduced and strongly charged them to be helpful in the academic pursuit of their children. Many resolutions were made which was believed to give the school a phase lift. The school vacated on the same day and resumed for second term on the 15th of March.



Sincerely yours,

Monday Alidu, Sabo Yunusa and Ogijo Joseph

MINISTRY OF MERCY MEDICAL CENTER



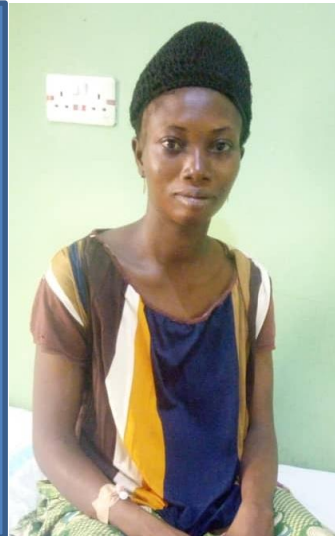
The month's update on our mission hospital is presented along the paths of the three main domains of the hospital's activities – General healthcare, Charity and the Gospel. We have the following few selected stories and relevant statistics from this arm.

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**. 11 women had **child deliveries free of charge** within the month, 4 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.

Triplet via spontaneous vaginal delivery

Halima HAMZA, a 38 year old mother of 3 presented for Antenatal care in her 5th pregnancy. The antenatal period was uneventful. She had a spontaneous vaginal delivery of triplet (2 females and a male). Feeding which should have been a big challenge was easily resolved by the Ministry of Mercy management who have been supporting them with BMS (breast milk substitutes). The mother and the babies are doing well.





Twin delivery via caesarian section

Gelvis DAVIDSON, a 30 year old in her 4th pregnancy (a twin gestation). Had 2 previous scars from caesarian sections with one child alive. She was scheduled for elective CS on account of 2 previous CS and twin. The outcome was successful. Mother and babies are doing well.

Olabisi celebrates her first baby

Olabisi AKEREJOLA, a 25 year old in her first pregnancy, had an uneventful antenatal care. Labour was prolonged due to big baby. An emergency CS was done. She has been in the mood of celebration since the arrival of the baby. She is one of the very few ladies who truly understand that save delivery simply means a healthy baby and mother.





Zainab the Miracle baby

Nana ABDULKAREEM, 25 in her 3rd pregnancy did not register for Antenatal care. However, she presented with excessive bleeding and an assumed intrauterine fetal dead (IUFD). Preparation for emergency caesarian section was commenced. The surgery was messy as the theatre was full of offensive odour. Surprisingly, there was sign of live in the baby. The severely asphyxiated baby was immediately commenced on treatment. This baby termed “miracle baby” survived against all odds and was discharged healthy. While opening a file for treatment, the father did the unthinkable by naming the child ZAINAB without waiting for any religious or traditional rites as it is done in this part of the world. At the post-natal follow up clinic, the baby and mother were fine.



Juliet welcomes her first baby

Juliet OBEKPA, a 20 year old in her first pregnancy had an uneventful antenatal care with us. Due to obstructed labour and fetal distress, she gave birth via emergency caesarian section to a male neonate weighing 3.1Kg. Mother and child are doing well.

Hope alive as Caroline's baby makes progress in the SCBU

Caroline OLADUNJOYE, 29 years old mother of two carrying twin in her 4th pregnancy went into premature labour at 34 weeks of pregnancy. Due to twin, premature, prolonged labour and fetal distress, she had an emergency caesarian section. Twin 2 died after 20 hours of life but twin 1 is making progress in the baby care Unit. The mother is also doing well.



Kehinde losses a pregnancy but survives

Kehinde AMOS, a 27 year old in 4th pregnancy but 1 child alive. Not registered for Antenatal care here. Presented with an IUFD (Intra uterine Fetal Death) at 33 weeks of pregnancy. She had a C/S during which a macerated, dead baby was removed. She did well and was discharged after one week of hospital stay. In view of this bad obstetrics history, she has been counseled to commence early antenatal care in next pregnancy.

Statistics on Charity Services

Antenatal care statistics		
Week	New patients	Patients on follow-up
Week 1	11	25
Week 2	15	10
Week 3	4	22
Week 4	0	23
Week 5	6	25
Total	35	105
Grand Total Number of Visits		140
Other Free Consultation (Children below 1 year, orphans and indigents) excluding pregnant women		28
Number of Deliveries		
C-Sections		06
Normal Deliveries		15
Total Births		21
Number Who Received Drugs for Free (Children below 1 year, orphans, pregnant women and indigents)		151
Number Who Had Laboratory Tests for Free		10
Total Number of Free Surgical Procedures		06

Preventive Primary Health Care:

Immunizations (within the hospital)	
Number of children immunized	63
Number of doses received	120
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	30
Number of doses	30
Contraception:	
Women received contraceptives	nil

GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

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

Faith operated for Sub Acute Appendicitis

Faith YAKUBU is an 18 year old student from MoM Orphanage, Otutulu. She is being managed for Nephrotic syndrome with follow up to the Nephrologist at FMC, Lokoja. She has had features of Subacute appendicitis for over 2 months. She had appendicectomy and has done well.



Danlami relieved of obstruction

Danlami AGABA a 35 year old man had obstructed Inguinal hernia. He was relieved by an emergency herniorrhaphy.



Mariam overwhelmed by Typhoid

Mariam SALAUDEEN, a 34 year old mother of 4 presented with over a month history of recurrent fever, abdominal pain, headache and fainting attack. They had visited a few peripheral centers but finally came to MoMMC on account of an Ultrasound diagnosis of Ectopic pregnancy which might require surgery. An emergency exploratory Laparotomy (exploration of the abdomen) was done and the findings were in keeping with Typhoid perforation of the small intestine. Patient improve within the next 3 days albeit with high fever in spite of antipyretics and antibiotics. While supportive management was on going patient deteriorated on the 4th day, subsequently slipped into unconsciousness and died.

Bunmi bows to Breast Cancer

Olubunmi AWUJOOLA, a 31 year old mother of 1 was admitted with severe Anaemia (PCV-15%) secondary to advanced Left Breast Cancer. She was earlier seen at the Federal Medical Center, Lokoja where she was evaluated and referred to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital (UATH), Gwagwalada. She was unable to see the specialist at the UATH, hence no follow up of note before presentation. Social support and family interaction were poor. Patient was to be referred to the FMC again but didn't move until the condition deteriorated and she eventually died.

General Healthcare Statistics

General

General out-patient department visits	250
Old	160
New	90
Ward admissions	39
Surgical procedures	12
Total no. who received drugs	345
Total number of laboratory tests done	636
Number of transfusions	13

THE GOSPEL:

The gospel continues to be propagated among our patients and staff through daily general devotion sessions and ward evangelism. The attendance at the devotion sessions is really good both from patients and staff. Very sick people love to hear words of hope and encouragement, and love to be prayed for. This is one major avenue of impact on our patients and relatives.

A Christian man whose wife gave birth through C-section, decided to hold a mini naming ceremony and dedication of the child to the Lord on the eighth day of birth right in their ward because his wife was not yet fit for discharge. The ceremony was officiated by the MoM chaplain. It was a lovely event.



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

PRA YER REQUESTS

1. Praise God for daily mercies and provisions for us at the orphanages.
2. We also appreciate HIM for still finding us worthy to have the privilege to care for the needy.
3. Thank God for every safe child birth and patient recovery at MoM Medical Center.
4. Pray that God will attract more useful hands to join the work force at MoM as the work increases daily.
5. Please pray for our new babies admitted into the orphanage, that God will provide all their needs, both physically and spiritually.
6. 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,

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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

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<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

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