

# 2021 SEPTEMBER 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 in the months of September.

● **New arrivals:**

MoM Orphanages had 4 new arrivals in the month of September.

- i. Baby Winner Daruwana was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage on September 2, 2021 for her care and upkeep following the death of her mother five months after her birth.



She will be reunited with her biological family after 2 years.

- ii. On September 20, 2021, Ministry of Mercy Orphanage, Otutulu received a set of twin baby girls Miriam and Sekine Sumaila who were born on August 16, 2021. They were brought to the Orphanage for their care and upkeep following the death of their mother. We need prayers for more aunties that will help in taking care of the ever increasing number of our babies.



- iii. On September 22, 2021, baby Joy Ojonugwa Esther was brought to MoM orphanage, Otutulu for her care and upkeep following the death of her mother on September 17, 2021 as a result of complications from C-Section.





- **Formal Handing Over Of Our Babies:** On September 16, 2021, baby Mirabel Musa was formally handed over to her biological family, haven stayed at the orphanage for two years, the period of assistance agreed during the time of her admission.



**Also**, on September 25, 2021, baby Ochohepo Samson was formally handed over to his biological family, having reached two years of age, the agreed term of assistance signed at the time of Ochohepo's admission. Please, pray that he may grow to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.



## Faith Project of Construction of Our Staff Quarters Begins in Lokoja

We took the bold step of faith in starting our staff quarters project in the month of September.

We have decided to start with the little on ground as we trust God for resource multiplication until the end of the project. You can pray and plan to partner with us in making this dream of giving our staff comfortable accommodation a reality.





# MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

## a. Poultry

- i. **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.



- ii. In the month of September, we received another set of 50 broilers to ensure that we have a set ready for consumption just before the older ones get finished. We have decided to be getting 50 broilers on weekly basis.



**b. Fish pond:** By means of divine provision, we were able to restock our fish pond with 2000 fingerlings. They are growing so fast and in few weeks, we will have fish again.



**Best Regards,**

**Alidu Monday, Sabo Yunusa and Ogijoh Joseph.**



# MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



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

On September 20, 2021, the Academy resumed academic activities for first term 2021/2022 academic session. The teachers were made to resume duty a week before 20<sup>th</sup> to enable them have enough time to prepare the lessons for the academic term.



## 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**. **27** women had **child deliveries virtually free of charge** within the month, 12 of these were **super-subsidized 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.

### Anthonia EMMANUEL

A 29 year old lady in her 3<sup>rd</sup> pregnancy who had an uneventful Antenatal care. Due to a history of previous CS and prolonged labour she had an emergency CS. Mother and baby doing well.



**Rafat SULEIMAN**, 35 years of age, a mother of 3 in her 8<sup>th</sup> pregnancy. She had an uneventful ANC. Due to the history of 2 previous CS, she had a successful elective CS. She is doing well with her baby.



### Chinagorum ONYENANU

A 27-year-old lady with a previous scar for her first baby undergoes another CS. Antenatal care was uneventful and she really desired a vaginal delivery. But she had a CS due to prolonged labor. Mother and baby have done well.



**Comfort GODSPRAISE,**

A 22 year old with a previous scar undergoes another CS. She was not registered for ANC. She only presented at full term. She eventually had a live female neonate through an elective CS. Mother and baby are doing well.



**Elejo YAHAYA**

She is a 30 year old in her first pregnancy who presented in labour with excessive vaginal bleeding (antepartum haemorrhage). She had a live male neonate through an emergency CS. Mother and baby are doing well.



**Joy AROME** is a 28 year old in her first pregnancy. She presented with Placenta previa (low lying placenta that covers the opening in the mother's cervix). She had a live female neonate weighing 4.2kg. Mother and child are doing well.

**Glory OCHALA**, 26 year old in her first pregnancy. No Antenatal care. She presented at term with twin gestation and pregnancy induced hypertension. She had a twin via elective CS. Mother and babies are doing well.



**Ruth ATOBATELE**, A 37 year old in her 2<sup>nd</sup> pregnancy had ANC period which was uneventful. She had an elective CS due to previous scar and advanced maternal age. Mother and baby are doing well.



#### **Ramat UMAR**

A 30 year old mother of 2 in her 3<sup>rd</sup> pregnancy. 2 previous deliveries were by CS. Not booked for ANC but presented in labor at term with fetal distress. She had an emergency CS. Mother and baby are doing well.



**F. D.** is 35 years old in her 5<sup>th</sup> pregnancy presented at term. She has had 3 miscarriages. The only pregnancy carried to term ended in stillbirth. Ultra sound scan suggested Polyhydramnios with Anencephaly. She eventually had an elective CS. She had a live male neonate with anencephaly and occipital meningocele. The baby died within minutes of birth. Mother was consoled and has done well thereafter.





## Esther EMMANUEL

A 30 year old lady, a mother of 4 who presented in her 5<sup>th</sup> pregnancy with prolonged, obstructed labor. Emergency CS was done with findings of dead smelling fetus and partial uterine rupture. She is doing well and happy to be alive.



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## Statistics on Charity Services

| Antenatal care statistics   |              |                       |
|---|--------------|-----------------------|
| Week  | New patients | Patients on follow-up |
| Week 1  | 09           | 23                    |
| Week 2  | 14           | 38                    |
| Week 3  | 10           | 23                    |
| Week 4  | 08           | 26                    |
|   |              |                       |
| Total   | 41           | 110                   |
| Grand Total Number of Visits  |              | 151                   |
| Other Free Consultation (Children below 1 year, orphans and indigents) excluding pregnant women   |              | 217                   |
| Number of Deliveries  |              |                       |
| C-Sections  |              | 12                    |
| Normal Deliveries   |              | 16                    |
| Total Births  |              | 27                    |
|   |              |                       |
| Number Who Received Drugs for Free (Children below 1 year, orphans, pregnant women and indigents) |              | 79                    |
| Number Who Had Laboratory Tests for Free  |              | 22                    |
| Total Number of Free Surgical Procedures  |              | 12                    |

## Preventive Primary Health Care:

| Immunizations (within the hospital)        |     |
|--|-----|
| Number of children immunized               | 105 |
| Number of doses received                   | 295 |
| Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid) | 23  |
| Number of doses                            | 23  |
| <b>Contraception:</b>                      |     |
| Women received contraceptives              | 3   |

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## GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

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



**Mariam ISAH**, 33 year old with Left humeral shaft fracture non-union. A former staff of MoMMC on secondment from the Kogi State Hospital management Board. First surgery was done at a peripheral hospital 6 years ago. The implant was renewed after 2 years post surgery after ?implant infection. She had T back plasty and bone grafting. She is doing well.

**Victoria JOSHUA**, A 10 year old Girl who presented with persistent fever, abdominal swelling and intense pain. Came to MoMMC after a few failed home remedies amidst poor financial and social condition of the mother. She was eventually diagnosed of appendiceal abscess complicated by severe Anaemia. She had appendicectomy and blood transfusions. She had a prolonged hospital stay but eventually did well and brought much joy to us all.



**Joshua SAMUEL,**

A 3 year old boy with congenital right inguinal hernia. Had a successful herniorrhaphy. He is doing well.



**Sunday SHENENI,** A 20 year young man with Right inguinal hernia. He is doing well after a successful repair.



**Daniel OGWU,**

A 32 year old young man who had an appendicectomy (surgical removal on an inflamed appendix) at a peripheral hospital but developed severe abdominal swelling and intense pain with fever days later. He was evaluated and diagnosed of Abdominal abscess. He had an exploratory laparotomy (incision into the abdominal cavity) during which a lot of pus was drained. He is improving by the day.



**Joseph OGBU,** 73 year old man with Right inguinal hernia. He had a successful herniorrhaphy. He is a known patient of the hospital, being managed for Hypertension. He is doing well.



## General Healthcare Statistics

### General

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| <b>General out-patient department visits</b> |            |
| <b>Old</b>                                   | <b>321</b> |
| <b>New</b>                                   | <b>116</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>440</b> |
| <b>Ward admissions</b>                       | <b>40</b>  |
| <b>Surgical procedures</b>                   | <b>12</b>  |
| <b>Total no. who received drugs</b>          | <b>497</b> |
| <b>Total number of laboratory tests done</b> | <b>705</b> |
| <b>Number of transfusions</b>                | <b>07</b>  |

### THE GOSPEL

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

We not record any obvious conversion of souls in the month but we know that God is still doing His work among the people; it will just be a matter of time. 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 sustaining every of our orphans and staff at our orphanages.
2. Thank God for giving us the opportunity to care for the less privileged in the society. It is a great privilege.
3. Thank Him for every orphan He has directed to find refuge with us.
4. Thank God for His provision for our orphans and vulnerable children, as well as resources to pay our staff
5. Thank God for successful medical services at MoM Medical Center.
6. Please keep praying for more helping hands to join 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.
7. Thank God for helping us kick-start 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. Please pray for sustained supply of resources to finish them on time.

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 that 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.

*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<br>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  |
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|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 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          |
| <b>Other Medical Services</b>       | Total in 2018 150 naira                                     | \$0.41                 |
|                                     |   |                        |
| <b>Widows and indigent patients</b> | <b>Cost Reduced According to the Patients' Needs</b>        | <b>"Sliding Scale"</b> |
| 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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<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/equipinternational>

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