

# 2022 APRIL UPDATE FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



We bring you April 2022 greetings from Ministry of Mercy, Nigeria.

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 during the month. Also, some of the orphans were re-united with their families.

- **New arrivals:** MoM Orphanages had 4 new arrivals in the month of March.

- i. Baby Aisha Ebute was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage Otutulu on April 13, 2022 following the death of her mother as a result of complications from childbirth on April 13, 2022.



She shall remain in our care for two years before being reunited with her family.

- ii. On April 11, 2022, Destiny Ojochide Barnabas was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage for his care as the mother died as a result of complications from childbirth. She will be at the Orphanage for two years.





- iii. Thursday, April 14, 2022, MoM orphanage Otutulu received another new born Ferila Olobo Shehu who was born on March 24, 2022. She was brought to MoM orphanage following the death of her mother during childbirth. It was agreed for the child to be reunited with her biological family after two years.



- iv. On the same day one physically challenged boy, Suleman Ademu, 19 years of age was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage, Otutulu for his care and upkeep as the mother lost her sight and so unable to care for the boy with multiple challenges.



## Formal Handing over of Children:

- i. Medina Ismaila who was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage two years ago was handed over to her biological family on April 2, 2022 having reached two years of age, the agreed term of assistance signed at the time of Medina's admission. Please pray that the Lord may keep and sustain her.



Asana Isah was also handed over to her biological family on April 16, 2022. She has reached two years of age which was the agreed term of assistance signed at the time of her admission.



# MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

**Poultry:** We have had little increase in egg production from 3 to 5<sup>1/2</sup> crates per day which is used in feeding our children.



Plans are already on ground to restock our poultry with 200 broilers as we are about to start consuming the set we are currently raising. Rooms have been prepared and our staff at the farm are ready to receive this set of birds.

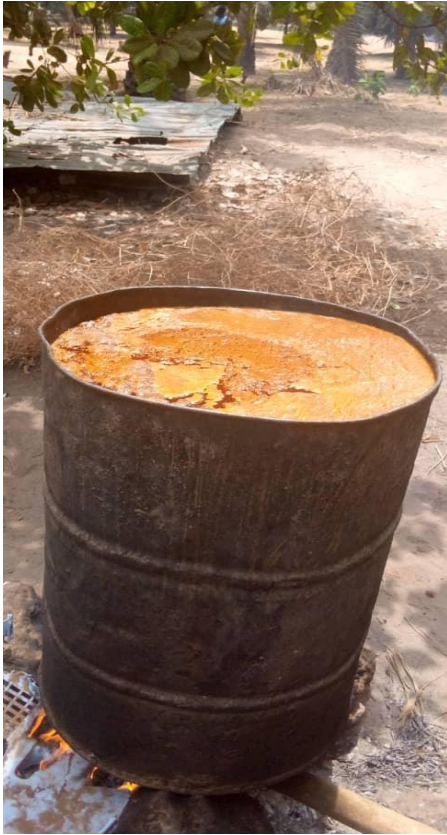
## **Crop farming**

We planted maize in April and it is growing very fast. We hope to harvest in the next two months.





Processing palm fruits from our farm is still ongoing...



**Fish pond:** our fish pond has served as a major source of protein for our children.



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

# MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



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Following the conclusion of the term exams, our school closed throughout the month of April for second term vacation, to resume in the month of May for the commencement of the final lap of the 2021/2022 academic session.

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**. **16** women had **child deliveries virtually free of charge** within the month; **seven** of these were **highly-subsidized cesarean section**. This is in addition to **several orphans** who also had **medical services**. Few of these stories and statistics are summarized below.

**Safirat USMAN** is an 18 year old lady in her first pregnancy. She had an uneventful antenatal care but delivery was via emergency CS due to prolonged labour. She and her baby boy are doing well.



**Faith TEMITOPE** is a 35 year old in her 3rd pregnancy. The 2 previous deliveries were by CS so she had a live female neonate via an elective CS. Mother and child is doing well.



**Elizabeth MOSES** is a 41 year old mother of 4 in her 5th pregnancy. ANC was uneventful. She had emergency CS for prolonged labour. Mother and baby are doing well.



**Zainab ABDULMUMINU** is a 26 year old mother of 2 in her 3<sup>rd</sup> pregnancy. She had an uneventful ANC and presented in labour. But she left the hospital only to return with severe post partum haemorrhage due to cervical laceration and retained product of conception. The tear was repaired and evacuation was done. In all, she received as much as 8 pints of blood. She and her baby are now doing well.



**Fatima YUSUF** is a 27 year old mother of 2 who presented at term in her 3<sup>rd</sup> pregnancy with vaginal bleeding. While on admission for observation, examinations pointed to placenta previa and fetal distress. An emergency CS was done. The neonate waded off the stress and fully recovered. Mother and baby are doing well.



**Fatima ISAH** is a 34 year old in her first pregnancy. She came here from a peripheral centre after failed attempt at delivery. Ultrasound Studies revealed twin gestation without cardiac activity. She had emergency CS which brought out macerated lifeless female and male twin. Mother is doing well. She has been consoled and counselled against the next pregnancy.





**Ketumi ABDULKARIM** is a 22 year old mother of 3 from 4 previous pregnancies. Did not register for a formal antenatal care but presented in her 5<sup>th</sup> pregnancy after a failed induction at home with severe vaginal bleeding. A quick Ultrasound studies revealed a fetus without cardiac activity. Emergency CS revealed Intra Uterine Fetal Demise and posterior uterine rupture. Uterus was repaired and Bilateral Tubal Ligation was done. She is doing well.



### Statistics on Charity Services

<b>Antenatal care statistics</b>		
<b>Week</b>	<b>Number of patients</b>	
	<b>First time visits</b>	<b>Follow-up visits</b>
Week 1	01	29
Week 2	05	18
Week 3	08	21
Week 4	09	19
Week 5	--	--
Total	23	87
<b>Grand Total Number of Visits</b>		<b>110</b>
<b>Number of Deliveries</b>		
C-Sections		07
Normal Deliveries		09
<b>Total Births</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Number Who Received Drugs for Free</b>		<b>--</b>
<b>Number Who Had Laboratory Tests for Free</b>		<b>62</b>

## Preventive Primary Health Care:

<b>Immunizations (within the hospital)</b>	
Number of children immunized	81
Number of doses received	211
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	15
Number of doses	15
<b>Contraception:</b>	
Women received contraceptives	2

## GENERAL HEALTH CARE (non-obstetric):

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

### Zechibu PETER

A 35 year old housewife who presented with vomiting, fever and intense right lower abdominal pain. Clinical findings were suggestive of Appendicitis and Typhoid ileitis. However laparotomy showed right ovarian cyst. She is currently doing well.



**Precious JEREMIAH** is an 11 year old girl who presented with vomiting and abdominal pain of sudden onset. Physical findings were suggestive of Appendicitis. Emergency laparotomy revealed perforated appendix. She is doing well.



**General Health Statistics:**

<b>General out-patient department visits</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>Old</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>New</b>	<b>068</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>268</b>
<b>Ward admissions</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Surgical procedures</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total no. who received drugs</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Total number of laboratory tests done</b>	<b>445</b>
<b>Number of transfusions</b>	<b>11</b>



## THE GOSPEL

Please pray for Mr. Eric Sylvester.

The Chaplaincy has called for our prayers for one of our patients, Eric Sylvester who was the only survivor of a ghastly motor accident. Every other person in the vehicle, including the driver died.

After one of our morning devotion sessions in the hospital, Sylvester while on admission in our hospital invited the gospel team to his bedside. Though he had been a Christian before now, he admitted to backsliding and being really stubborn. He decided to rededicate His life to Jesus Christ and promised not to go back again. He openly came face to face with death but was spared for reasons he cannot explain. This has given him reason for sober reflection and the resultant decisions. He has literally returned from the dead and hell, and has been given a second chance to live. Please pray for him to remain in Christ.

He has been discharged and gone home. He promised to contact us after sometime. We are eagerly waiting to hear him.

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

PLEASE PRAY with us as we await more fruits from our gospel work among patients and relatives.

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 keeping every orphan in Ministry of Mercy homes in the month of April. Thank also for our staff working in every section of the Ministry.
2. Thank God for every successful healthcare achieved at the MoM Medical Center. Pray for the perfection of those still receiving care and the consolation of those bereaved, especially mothers whose babies did not survive birth.
3. Pray for the three new orphans (Aisha, Ojochide and Olobo) admitted within the month. Ask that God will care for them physically and spiritually until they are established in HIS will. Pray also for Suleiman for Divine acts in his life as he faces so much physical disability.

4. Please pray for Medina and Asana who was handed over back to his family of birth that the eyes of the Lord will continue to watch over them beyond the walls of our orphanage.
5. Thank God for the success of our farming activities – cropping, fishery, poultry and fishery. We pray that God will continue to grant increase.
6. Please keep praying for financial supplies for the monthly staff salaries of our caregivers, our teachers as well as our medical staff/health workers.
7. Pray for the auto crash survivor who has rededicated his life to Christ. Pray that his spiritual revival be genuine and permanent.
8. 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 youth programs.
9. Please continue to pray for our building project which is to accommodate more staff on the property and to provide a standard dining and kitchen for the occupants. The project has commenced in earnest. We pray for divine funding.
10. Please pray against the worsening economic and security challenges facing Nigeria..

*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*

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