

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



We bring you August 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



## **Admissions and handing over of orphans**

During the month of August, MoM Orphanage, Otutulu received and also handed over orphaned babies/children.

## **New Admissions into the Orphanage**

MoM Orphanage, Otutulu received and cared for 5 orphaned babies. These are Woliu Abdulrahman, Zekiya Muhammed, baby Habsat Suleiman, Nana Aisha Isah and Miracle Ikojo.

- i. Woliu Abdulrahman was brought to the Ministry of Mercy Orphanage Otutulu on August 16, 2022, following the death of his



mother on August 15, 2022, during childbirth. He hails from Ankpa Local Government Area of Kogi State.



- ii. On August 19, 2022, Zekiya Muhammed was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage, Otutulu by her family for her care and upkeep following the death of her mother on August 17, 2022 in childbirth. She is from a muslim family in Nasarawa state of Nigeria. She will be under our care for the next two years.



- iii. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, baby Habsat Suleiman who is also from a Muslim family in Dekina LGA of Kogi State was brought to MoM Orphanage, Otutulu following the death of her mother. She will be with us for two years.



Please pray that the Muslim families of these babies would come to the saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- iv. In the month of August, we also received five months old Nana Aisha Isah, a Fulani girl who lost her mother about two months to an unknown illness. Please, pray that her unbelieving family will see the love of Christ through our services to their daughter.



- v. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of August, Miracle Ikojo was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage Lokoja for his care and upkeep following the death of his mother.



## **Formal handing over**

One of our boys, baby Adiku Aliyu who was brought to Ministry of Mercy in September, 2020 was handed over to his biological family, having reached two years of age, the agreed term of assistance signed at the time of Adaki's admission. Please pray that the Lord may provide resources for the father to be able to care for his physical, medical and educational needs.



## **MoM Building projects**

By means of divine provision, we were able to continue work on our two residential buildings and kitchen/dining in Lokoja and was also able to start a replacement building of a block of 4 classrooms at Ministry of Mercy Christian Academy, Otutulu. This is to replace the block we converted to our science laboratories last year when we went through Centre Accreditation Exercise.



Please, pray that the Lord may supply resources to bring these capital-intensive projects to completion as soon as possible.



**Decking of the 2nd suspended floor of the two residential buildings in progress**



**Classrooms project at floor level**

# MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

## POULTRY

We are arranging to receive another set of layers and broilers.





### **Palm fruit processing continues...**



### **Fish pond:**

Our fish pond has served as a major source of protein for our children. The set of 2000 fingerlings we received in May is fast growing and would be ready before we exhaust the one we are feeding on.



**Best Regards,**

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

**MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**





On the 5th of August, Ministry of Mercy Christian Academy had a meeting of parents and teachers to discuss on the way forward in ensuring that our students are exposed to the requisite learning experiences. The school vacated the same day and resumption was slated for September 12, 2022.

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



**Gloria OMOKORE**, a 30 year old mother of 1 in her 2<sup>nd</sup> pregnancy. Pregnancy and Antenatal care was uneventful. She had an elective C-Section due to short stature and previous scar. She and male neonate are doing well.



**Victoria BENJAMIN**, a 32 year old mother of 4 in her 6<sup>th</sup> pregnancy. Pregnancy was going smoothly until she started bleeding heavily in the 33<sup>th</sup> week of gestation. An Ultrasound scan revealed a major placenta previa. She was counseled and a decision was taken for an emergency C-section. The surgery was successful. Mother and baby are doing well.

## Statistics on Charity Services

### Preventive Primary Health Care:

<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	08	29
Week 2	12	47
Week 3	13	40
Week 4	07	31
Week 5		
Total	40	147
<b>Grand Total Number of Visits</b>		<b>187</b>
<b>Number of Deliveries</b>		
C-Sections		03
Normal Deliveries		16
<b>Total Births</b>		<b>19</b>

<b>Immunizations (within the hospital)</b>	
Number of children immunized	86
Number of doses received	188
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	32
Number of doses	32
<b>Contraception:</b>	
Women received contraceptives	06

## GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

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

**Florence IFEOLUWA**, 40-year-old mother of 1. Last child birth was 19 years ago. She had operation for removal of Fibroids 8 months earlier. This time she presented with heavy menstrual bleeds and feeling of a mass in her abdomen. It was explained to her that recurrent Fibroids is not uncommon. She had a successful myomectomy and she is doing well.



**Kehinde GBADEBO**, a 54-year-old woman who presented with left lower abdominal protrusion. Features were in keeping with a Left Inguinal Hernia. She had a successful herniorrhaphy and she is doing well.



**Sophia EDEGBO**, 7 weeks old baby girl (one of a twin, the other quite healthy) was brought to MOMMC with a Congenital hydrocephalus and Thoracolumbar Myelomeningocele. The Neurosurgeon explained the likely unfavorable outcome of the condition. The baby died in the early hours of the next day but the family left MOMMC the next day in gratitude, holding high their heads having put up a good fight.





**Iyanu ZACCHAEUS**, 13-year-old boy with right lower abdominal and scrotal swelling. It was thought to be a Hydrocele but found to be Congenital Right Inguinoscrotal Hernia during the surgery. He had a successful herniorrhaphy and he is doing well.



**Reuben OCHEJE**, a 44-year-old Security officer with a right scrotal swelling over 1 year. It was diagnosed to be a Hydrocele. He had a successful hydrocele



### **General Health Statistics:**

<b>General out-patient department visits</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>Old</b>	<b>260</b>
<b>New</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>338</b>
<b>Ward admissions</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Surgical procedures</b>	<b>06</b>
<b>Total no. who received drugs</b>	<b>263</b>
<b>Total number of laboratory tests done</b>	<b>625</b>
<b>Total number of laboratory tests done for free</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Number of transfusions</b>	<b>15</b>

## **THE GOSPEL**

The gospel continues to be shared among our patients and their care givers through the various avenues - Morning devotion sessions and ward evangelism. Our morning devotion sessions are attended by both Christians and non-Christians, with good attendance. We pray for fruit that will abide.

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 His daily goodness and mercy towards everyone in our orphanages.
2. Thank God for successful childbirth and other healthcare services achieved at the MoM Medical Center.
3. Pray for Woliu Abdulrahman, Zekiya Muhammed, baby Habsat Suleiman, Nana Aisha Isah and Miracle Ikojo, the new orphans admitted within the month, that God will raise them and provide for their physical and spiritual needs.
4. Pray also for Adiku Aliyu as he reunites with his family of birth. Pray that he will be guided through the right path to his destiny outside the 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. May God strengthen the hands and hearts of supporters.
7. 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.
8. Thank God for the progress with our building project. Please continue to pray for resources and the grace to finish in good time.

9. Few of our orphans have serious health challenges. A familiar example is Faith, the teenager with kidney challenges. There are others too. Pray that the Lord Himself will come to their rescue in Jesus.

*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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