

2022 DECEMBER UPDATE FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



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

Welcome to our monthly updates from all three arms of our mission:

- MoM Orphanages
- MoM Christian Academy and
- MoM Medical Center.

Here are some of our stories for the month.

MINISTR OF MERCY ORPHANAGES



New Admissions:

We had a total of 8 new arrivals (7 in MoM Otutulu and 1 in MoM Lokoja) for the month of December 2022. Six of them are newborns while the other two were some months old before they were brought.

- These set of twin babies, **Nana - Aisha Musa (twin1) and Munira Musa (twin2)** arrived MoM Otutulu December 03, 2022.

Their weights on Admission were twin 1. 95kg, Twin 2. 1.6kg respectively.

Father's name: Musa Haruna.

Mother's name: Munira Musa nee Alih.

DOB of the twin children: Dec. 03, 2022.

Home town: Ajitata - Ofobobo, Ankpa LGA, Kogi State.

Tribe: Igala.

Religion: Islam.

Cause of mother's death: complication in C/S surgical procedures.

Duration of stay: The children are to stay at MOM Orphanage Otutulu for two years.



- On December 08, 2022 a set of twins, **Hassana Monday. (Twin 1) and Hussena Monday (twin2)** were received in MoM Otutulu. They were brought from Gidan Orobo, Mararaba LGA, Nasarawa State, Bassa by tribe.

DOB: December 05, 2022

Sex: Both are female.

Weight on Admission: Hassana =250kg and Husseina = 1.55kg.

Father's name: Monday Isah.

Mother's name: Lydia Monday nee Usman.

Cause of mother's death:

Bleeding after childbirth. The babies are to be here for two years.



- **Glory Ochoyoda**, female, **DOB:** April 25, 2022, was brought from Oloke Ikobi - Ugbokpo, Apa LGA, Benue state on December 08, 2022.

Weight on Admission: 4.6kg.

Father's name: Abuh Ochoyoda.

Mother's name: Mary Ochoyoda nee Daniel.

Tribe: Agatu.

Cause of mother's death: according to reports obtained from the family, the mother died of food poisoning. Date of mother's death was November 13, 2022.



- **This is Tijani Salami.** He was born on September 10, 2022 and brought to MoM Orphanage Otutulu as a result of the death of his mother which occurred two months after his birth as a result of an unknown illness. He hails from Ojakpala-Agbeneba, Ankpa L.G.A., Kogi State, and an Igala by tribe, from a Muslim family. Baby Tijani is to be under the custody of Ministry of Mercy for a period of two years after which he is to be reunited with his family.



- **Baby Alibesiru Kebiru** was brought to Mom Orphanage Otutulu on December 07, 2022 after the demise of her mother in childbearing.



DOB: December 04, 2022

Weight on Arrival: 2.50kg

Father's Name: Kebiru Akao

Mother's Name: Sadiya Audi

Home town: Odenin Gida, Nasarawa LGA, Nasarawa State.

Tribe: Eloyi

Religion: Islam

He is to be cared for, for a period of two years.

- Baby **Dorcas Zhimani Zhokwo** was brought to MoM orphanage Lokoja in the early hours of December 22, 2022, having lost her mother in the process of her birth. She was born on December 20, 2022. Baby Dorcas hails from Karmu Village in Bassa Local Government Area of Kogi State. She is to be kept and cared for, for a period of two years, after which she should be reunited with her family.



HANDING OVER OF CHILDREN

Eight children/adults were handed over to their families in December 2022 after completing their stay with us. Most of them have become adults, so heir departure was quite emotional for us because the only home they have known all their lives has been our Orphanage. We will miss them dearly...

1. **Achimugu PS Daniel** was born on April 16, 2004 and brought to MoM Orphanage Otutulu for his upkeep following the death of his birth mother immediately after his birth.

Home town: Udanebiomi - Ogbabede, Dekina LGA, Kogi State.

He was handed over to his biological father and uncle on December 17, 2022.



- 2.



Kari Suleman

DOB: April 24, 2004

Father's name: Suleman Abubarkar.

Mother's name: Memunat Suleman.

Home town: Okura sawmill, Dekina LGA, Kogi state.

Handed over on December 17, 2022.

3. **Ruth John** was brought to MoM Orphanage Otututlu following the death of her mother immediately after her birth.

DOB: April 10, 2004

She was handed over on December 17, 2022.

Father's name: John Omatiga.

Mother's name: Larey John nee Audu.

Home Town: Odolu efu, Dekina LGA, Kogi State.



4. **Julius Shaibu.**

DOB: March 24, 2004.

Handed over on December 17, 2022.

Father: Shaibu Ebeh.

Mother's name: Juliana Shaibu.

Home Town: Owala Egume, Dekina LGA, Kogi State



5. Pearl Maji was born on May 12, 2004, was brought to MoM Otutulu for her care and upbringing as a result of the death of her birth mother.



Father's name: Maji Edibo.

Mother's name: Rabietu Maji.

Home town: Ogbogodo Ojuwo,
Dekina, LGA, Kogi state

She was handed over on
December 17, 2004.

6. Marina Abraham.



Born on March 21, 2004
and brought to MoM
Otutule to be cared for.

She was handed over on
December 17, 2022.

She is currently in her
first year in Kogi State
Polytechnic, Lokoja.

7. **Hassana and Hussena Matthew**, twin girls, born on October 4, 2020 and were brought to MoM Orphanage, Lokoja on April 09, 2021 following the death of their mother. Their family came to solicit for the help of MoM orphanage with a recommendation letter from the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (MWASD) asking MoM to keep custody of them for two years. They were handed over on December 19, 2023 with the presence of an official of MWASD, Lokoa.



The group photos of those children with our Orphanage mothers and Daddy Daniel Edeh.



MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

REPORT FROM THE FARM.

- The layer chickens are almost mature but have not started laying eggs yet.



- Some of the pigs are heavily pregnant.



- Soya beans harvest and processing was completed on December 02, 2022.



Best Regards,

Alidu Monday, Sabo Yunusa, and Oluwatobi Oreh.

MOM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



The school's academic program for the first term was closed on December 16, 2022. The end-of-term examination began on December 02, 2022. And after the whole exams, the collection of results and a meeting of the parents-teachers association was held on the 16th of December.

- **PTA (Parents Teachers Association) meeting** held on December 16, 2022, where vital issues that relate to the school, Teachers, students and parents were discussed.



- The school was closed and students have gone on Christmas break, to resume back to school on Monday, January 09, 2023. The teachers and all the teaching staff will resume on Thursday January 05, 2023.



Sincerely yours,

Monday Alidu, Sabo Yunusa and Oluwatobi Oreh

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**. **Eight** women had **child deliveries virtually free of charge** within the month; **two** of these were **highly-**

subsidized cesarean sections. This is in addition to **several orphans** who also had **medical services free of charge.** A few of these stories and statistics are summarized below.

Rachael Temitope ADEYEMO, 34-year-old in her first pregnancy. The presentation was breech coexisting with a huge Fibroid. She had an elective C-Section with excision of a huge pedunculated Fibroid during which a live Male neonate weighing 2.6 kg was extracted. Mother and child are doing well.



Rebecca IBITAYO, a 32-year-old mother of 2 from 2 previous C-sections. She, therefore, had an elective C-Section. The mother and her male neonate are doing well.



Joy AMEH, is a 30-year-old lady in her first pregnancy. Said to have had Ante Natal Care at a peripheral Centre but presented with prolonged labor. After review, she was diagnosed with Obstructed labor with fetal distress. An emergency C-Section brought out a severely asphyxiated baby which survived against all odds. Mother and baby are doing well.



Ejima ABDULKARIM, 28 years old mother of 2 presented with excessive vaginal bleeding and inability to feel fetal movement in her 3rd pregnancy. She had emergency surgery which revealed a perforated uterus with a dead macerated baby floating in the peritoneum. The uterus was repaired in a rather prolonged surgery. Thereafter she had 5 pints of blood transfused. Fortunately, she did well and was discharged after a week of hospital stay. There was no complaint at her follow-up review 2 weeks later.



Statistics on Charity Services

Preventive Primary Health Care:

Antenatal care statistics		
Week	Number of patients	
	First-time visits	Follow-up visits
Week 1	04	16
Week 2	02	19
Week 3	06	21
Week 4	04	15
Week 5	-	-
Total	16	71
Grand Total Number of Visits		87
Number of Deliveries		
C-Sections		02
Normal Deliveries		06
Total Births		08
Total number of laboratory tests done for free		42

Immunizations (within the hospital)	
Number of children immunized	199
Number of doses received	392
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	12
Number of doses	12
Contraception:	
Women received contraceptives	04

GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

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

Melody JUDE is a 6-year-old boy with a huge scrotal swelling. Was diagnosed with Hydrocele. He had a successful Hydrocelectomy. He is doing well.



Michelle EMMANUEL is a 3-year-old daughter of the hospital Admin officer who presented with features of bilateral inguinal hernia. She had a successful herniotomy and transfixation of the sacs. She is doing well.



General Health Statistics:

General out-patient department visits	Number
Old	147
New	78
Total	225
Ward admissions	21
Surgical procedures	15
Total no. who received drugs	259
Total number of laboratory tests done	594
Number of transfusions	06

- **REPORT FROM MoM Clinic Outlet in Otutulu Village:**

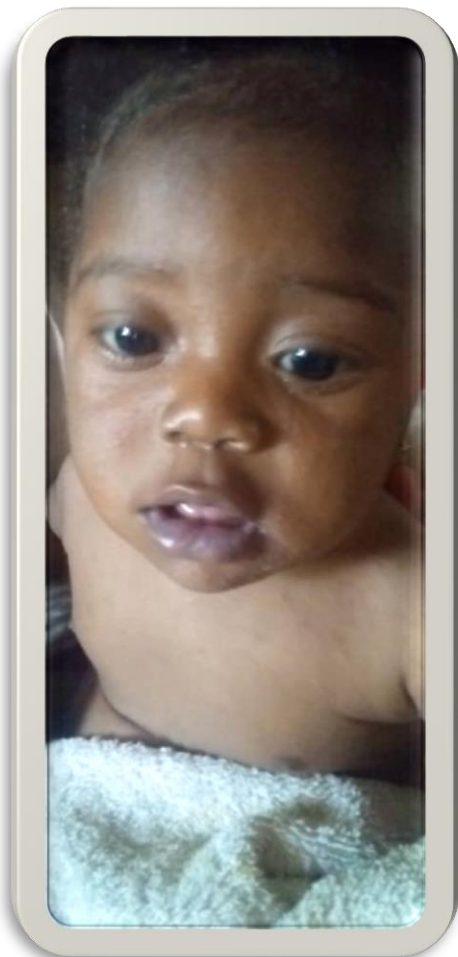
- a. One of the newly arrived children in the month of December, Kebiru Alibesiru was diagnosed with a neonatal infection of the umbilical stump by one of our volunteer medical officers who also prescribed drugs treatments for him. Then the health workers at MOM Orphanage Otutulu administered the treatments. The baby has recovered.



- b. One of our mothers and a senior nanny at MOM Orphanage Otutulu, was on admission at MOMMC Lokoja for about 8 months during which she went through surgical procedures two consecutive times. She was discharged home and has since been regaining her health and strength.



- A lot of our children suffered from diarrhea in the month of December, but we thank God they are now recovered.



- We are still battling skin problems (scabies) among a few of our children, as the case is gradually put under control.



THE GOSPEL

Gospel activities are ongoing in the Medical Center, targeted at patients and relatives. In the absence of a substantive chaplain, the activities are being coordinated by some of our medical staff for now. The gospel continues to be shared among our patients and their caregivers through various avenues - Morning devotion sessions and ward evangelism.

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. Thank God for His daily goodness and mercy towards everyone in our orphanages, schools, farms and the Medical Center.
2. Thank HIM for every provision from HIM through various means.
3. Thank God for successful childbirth and other healthcare services achieved at the MoM Medical Center.

4. Please pray for our 8 orphans who have been handed back to their families. Most of them are already older teenagers going to start new lives. May their exit from the orphanage usher them into the appropriate paths in life. May the Lord order their steps aright for the rest of their lives.
5. Pray for the 7 new orphans admitted within the month, that God will raise them and provide for their physical and spiritual needs.
6. Thank God for the success of our farming activities – cropping, fishery, poultry and fishery. We pray that God will continue to grant increase.
7. 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.
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 our various 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 kinds 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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