

2022 JANUARY UPDATE FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



We bring you January 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 in the month of January.

- **New arrivals:**

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

- i. Mafida Shaibu was brought in on January 21, 2022 for her care and upkeep following the death of her mother. Mafida hails from a Muslim home in Nasarawa State. Please,



pray that she may grow to accept Jesus as her Lord and personal Savior. She will be reunited with her biological family after 2 years.

- ii. Baby Abdulfatai Ismaila was brought to our Otutulu home on January 26, 2022 for his



care and upkeep following the death of his mother. Abdulfatai hails from a Muslim home in Nasarawa State. Please, pray that he may grow to accept Jesus as his Lord and personal Savior. He will be reunited with his biological family after 2 years.

- iii. Baby Kubura Abdulkarim was brought to the Orphanage in Otutulu on January 27, 2022 for her care and upkeep following the death of her mother. She will be reunited with her biological family after 2 years.



- iv. Baby Fatima Jibrin was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage Otutulu on January 31, 2022 for her care and upkeep following the death of her mother. She will be reunited with her biological family after 2 years.



MoM CLINIC, OTUTULU

- Routine immunization services took place at MoM Otutulu on January 22, 2022.



- One of our boys named Isaac James of 12 years old had an injury from a piece of stick in the right foot. After some days that he did not come to the clinic for treatment, the foot became swollen and developed a large wound. Proper measures have been taken including antibiotic treatments.



- Some of our children are facing some health challenges; they are mainly under one year old. Their major cases are diarrhea, vomiting, fever and cough. Intravenous lines are being set for rehydration with the use of ½ strength Darrow's ringers' lactate and other pediatric

IV fluids. We are also in contact with our doctors at MoM Medical center in Lokoja for assistance and referrals when necessary. We thank God no life is lost.



MINISTRY OF

MERCY FARMS

a. Poultry

- i. Layers:** There are about 200 layers but their egg production is very low, we are now picking an average of 4 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.** Our broilers are now ready for consumption. We consume an average of 5 broilers on daily basis. Thank God for his provision.



- b. Fish pond:** The second set of the 2000 fingerlings we got in the month of August is now ready for consumption.



- c. **Crop farm:** Our female staff and children are now processing the harvested beans that were stored since last year November in order for it to be used in feeding our children.



Best Regards,

Alidu Monday, Sabo Yunusa and Ogijoh Joseph.

MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



On January 10, 2022, Ministry of Mercy Christian Academy resumed academic activities for second term 2021/2022 academic session. The teachers were made to resume duty few days before 10th so that they may have enough time to prepare their lesson.



● **School Library**

The school library has been given attention over time and this has enabled both the teachers and learners to be more resourceful in the realm of academics.



- **School Laboratory**

The school science laboratory has been equipped with the necessary materials which make learning more real for our students. We look forward to the proper use of these materials to the benefit of our learners.



- **Registration of students for external examination.**

The Management of Ministry of Mercy Christian Academy has been in the process of registering her students for external examination such as NECO and WEAC, as well as the MOCK exams. We pray that the Lord will make it successful.

Daycare Program

Our daycare program continues to thrive. Thank God for HIS Grace. We trust HIM for continued supplies.



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:

The year 2022 began on a very bright and joyful note for staff and friends of MOMMC. The first three days of the year had baby deliveries. Each of the first two had a baby while the 3rd day had 2, one of which was the first caesarean section for the year. Our first baby of the year arrived 33minutes into the New Year from a Muslim woman who has had fetal wastages as she delivered her 2nd child from 7 pregnancies. Of course, the baby got a gift from the hospital. Several interventions were carried out of which some are reported below. One remarkable event is that of a factory worker that would have bled to death if not for urgent intervention from MOMMC. He and his family remain grateful to God and MOM for the location of the hospital and the services rendered to the surrounding communities.

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**. **6** women had **child deliveries virtually free of charge** within the month; **one** of these was a **super-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.

1. **Sidikat IBRAHIM** is a 27-year-old woman, a mother of 1, who presented in the second



trimester of her 7th pregnancy. She acknowledged that MoMMC is more than just a hospital and requested for help. She has had 5 miscarriages due to cervical incompetence. With a cervical cerclage (a stitch around the cervix to prevent spontaneous opening) she was carefully observed and followed up. At 37 weeks of pregnancy the cerclage was removed. She went into smooth labor at term and had a successful vaginal birth. The bouncing baby boy arrived at 33 minutes into the New Year. This is our first baby of the year.

2. **Emike ALIU** is a 35 year old who presented in labour with her 2nd pregnancy. She has a history of Hypertension and previous CS scar. She wanted a vaginal birth but an emergency CS was done when she failed to progress in labor. This is the first surgical delivery of the year 2022. She and her baby girl are doing well.



3. **Oluwatoyin MEGBEHINGBE** is a 31 year old mother of 2 who had an uneventful antenatal care with MoMMC in her 4th pregnancy. The 3 previous deliveries were via CS so she was being prepared for elective CS but went into preterm labor with fetal distress. An emergency CS was done during which a live male fetus weighing 2.5kg was extracted. Mother and baby are doing well.



Statistics on Charity Services

Preventive Primary Health Care:

Antenatal care statistics		
Week	Number of patients	
Week 1	3	4
Week 2	11	24
Week 3	5	19
Week 4	8	16
Week 5	7	20
Total	34	81
Grand Total Number of Visits		115
Other Free Consultation (Children below 1 year, orphans and indigents) excluding pregnant women		52
Number of Deliveries		
C-Sections		01
Normal Deliveries		06
Total Births		07
Number Who Received Drugs for Free (Children below 1 year, orphans, pregnant women and indigents)		51
Number Who Had Laboratory Tests for Free		51

Immunizations (within the hospital)	
Number of children immunized	79
Number of doses received	214
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	32
Number of doses	32
Contraception:	
Women received contraceptives	01

GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

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

1. **Nana BELLO**, a 40 year old, single lady diagnosed of Fibroids with excessive monthly bleeding. She has had a successful myomectomy (surgical removal of Fibroids). She is doing well.



2. **Christiana JOSHUA**, 16 year old secondary school girl brought from the MOM Otutulu in coma which was preceded by history of abdominal pain, vomiting and convulsion. The hospital was thrown into a tumult. However, the medical team on ground swung into action. The situation was brought under control as she improved with time. Other Medical specialists and friends of MOMMC were invited to review. She is currently doing well.



3. **Alhassan MUDASIRU**, 6 year old boy with hydrocele (a fluid sac around a testicle often noticed as swelling of the scrotum). Had a successful repair. He is doing well.



4. **Stephen JIYA**, a 70 year man with Right Inguinal Hernia. Had successful repair and he is doing well.



5. **Taiwo KOMOLAFE**, a 37 year old with right inguinal hernia, right ectopic testis and left undescended testis. He had a successful repair. He is doing well.



6. **Mohammed ABDULLAHI**, a 30 year old factory worker who was brought by colleagues after sustaining injury on the chest wall from an industrial machine. He had bled so much and was going into distress. The team on duty quickly took him in and arrested the bleeding following which the deep cut was repaired. A Chest X-ray and Ultrasound were subsequently done. Though the lower part of the chest bone was cracked, no other internal injuries. He is doing quite well.



7. **Excel THOMAS**, a 5 year old boy who presented with history of abdominal distention and passage of blood in stool. Immediate physical examination and on the spot Ultrasound studies confirmed Intussusception (a serious condition in which part of the intestine slide into an adjacent part of the intestine). An emergency laparotomy was done and the intestine was released. He has done well.



General Health Statistics:

General out-patient department visits	Number
Old	262
New	83

Total	343
Ward admissions	32
Surgical procedures	18
Total no. who received drugs	199
Total number of laboratory tests done	873
Number of transfusions	10

THE GOSPEL

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

Even though we are yet to record any case of fresh salvation in the new year, our patients have confessed that the daily devotion sessions have been really spirit lifting.

We pray that 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 from January

1. Thank God for a successful entry into the New Year 2022. God has great plans for His children this year. We pray that we receive all that He has packaged for us this year.
2. Thank God for all safe child deliveries in at MoM Medical Center. Thank HIM for every safe child delivery there.
3. Pray for the four new orphans (Mafida, Abdulfatai, Kubura and Fatima) intakes in the month of January, 2022. Ask that God will care for them physically and spiritually until they are established in HIS will.
4. Please pray for Christiana JOSHUA, one of our girls from our orphanage in Otutulu who has had recurrent episodes of illness. The doctors have not been able to arrive at a definitive diagnosis.
5. The monthly staff salaries of our caregivers, our teachers as well as our medical staff/health workers has significantly increased as we engage more staff. Please pray for sufficient supplies.

6. 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.
7. 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. May resources not be a limiting factor for this project

Thank you for your invaluable continuous partnership in prayers, thanksgiving and giving.

Sincerely yours,

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For the Publicity Unit,
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