

2022 MARCH UPDATE FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



We bring you March 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 March.

- **New arrivals:** We had 2 new arrivals within the month.

- i. Baby Blessing EleOjo Baba was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage Otutulu on March 5, 2022 following the death of her mother as a result of complications from childbirth on March 1, 2022. She hails from Odu Okpakili ogane, Dekina L.G.A, Kogi State.



She will remain with us at the orphanage until when she is 2 years old before being reunited with her family of birth.

- ii. On Wednesday, March 30, 2022, MoM orphanage Otutulu received another new born Ademola Sardauna who was given born on February 29, 2022. He was brought to MoM orphanage following the death of his mother after a brief illness. He hails from Ika-Lokoja, Ankpa L.G.A, Kogi State. It was agreed for the child to be reunited with his biological family after two years.



Handing over of baby:

Arafat Rabiou who was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage Otutulu in 2017 was handed over to his biological family on March 26, 2022 having reached two years of age which is the agreed term of assistance signed at the time of Arafat's admission. Arafat was due for handing over in 2019, but unfortunately, his family abandoned him at the orphanage. We thank God that they have come for their boy. Please pray that the Lord will keep and sustain him as he leaves MoM.



MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

a. Poultry

There has been great improvement in our poultry.

We engaged the services of a veterinary Doctor when we noticed a drastic drop in production. The Vet made some recommendations which were promptly carried out. We have had little increase in egg production from 3 to 5 and half crates per day which is used for feeding of our children.

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



b. Crop farming

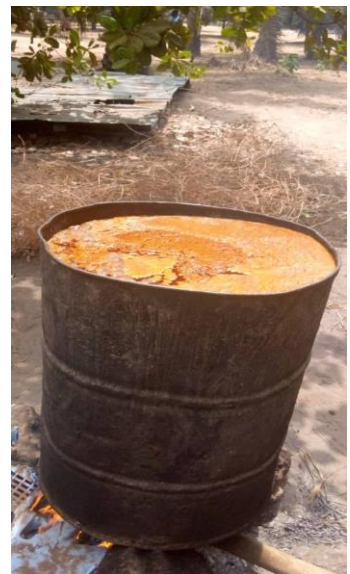
We are currently preparing land for the next farming season as we await the rains.

Cashew season is here again! We have picked up and sold many bags of this crop and currently drying and storing the rest to be sold later when the price is better.



c. Palm oil production

We are currently processing palm fruits into palm oil in the compound. It is a tedious process involving heating up the fruits and extracting the oil through pressure application. Mechanized methods are far easier and more efficient. We hope to acquire the equipment someday as God provides.



d. Fish pond

The second set of 2000 fingerlings we received about 5 months ago is now ready and we have already started consuming them. Plans are on ground to restock the second pond with another set of 2000 to ensure that that we have a set ready just before we exhaust the mature ones.



Best Regards,

Alidu Monday, Sabo Yunusa and Ogijoh Joseph.

MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



In the month of March, Ministry of Mercy Christian Academy conducted terminal examination for her students with the exception of exit classes who are preparing to seat for external exams.

We have completed our students' registration for the West African Examination Council Senior School Certificate Examination and have also registered our grade 6 pupils for the Entrance Exams which qualifies them for High School.



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**. **22** 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.

Fatima SULEIMAN, a 20 year old in her first pregnancy. Had no formal ANC but presented at term with fetal distress and obstructed labour. She had a live male neonate who is doing well after surviving severe birth asphyxia. Mother is also doing well. Praise God!



Sarah AKOGWU, 32 year old in her first pregnancy. The wife of our Nurse Anaesthetist. She was brought to MoMMC following prolonged labour at the Specialist Hospital, Lokoja. She had a live male neonate via an emergency CS. Mother and baby are doing well.



Husseina MUHAMMED, a 32 year old mother of 2 children from 2 previous pregnancies which ended in CS. She a live male neonate via elective CS. Mother and baby are doing well.



Lami ITAKPE, a 32 year old mother of 2 in her 3rd pregnancy. Has history of 2 previous CS. Was scheduled for elective CS but did not turn up. She however presented with liquor drainage and fetal distress. She had a severely asphyxiated baby which died same day. Mother has been consoled and she is doing well.



Mary ONYEBUCHI, 39 year old unbooked in her 2nd pregnancy. Nil Antenatal care but presented with restlessness, ruptured membranes and bleeding per vaginum. An emergency Laparotomy revealed a dead fetus in the abdominal cavity and posterior uterine rupture. She has fully recovered and counseled to ensure antenatal care as her next delivery should be via Elective CS.



Ibe GODWIN, 32 year old mother of 2 who presented with liquor drainage in her 4th pregnancy. The fetus died in utero and was delivered vaginally. However, she had a CS for removal placenta which was retained. She is doing well.



Statistics on Charity Services

Preventive Primary Health Care:

Antenatal care statistics		
Week	Number of patients	
	First time visits	Follow-up visits
Week 1	02	16
Week 2	05	20
Week 3	11	18
Week 4	03	15
Week 5	05	20
Total	26	89
Grand Total Number of Visits		115
Number of Deliveries		
C-Sections		03
Normal Deliveries		19
Total Births		22
Number Who Received Drugs for Free		115
Number Who Had Laboratory Tests for Free		42

Immunizations (within the hospital)	
Number of children immunized	72
Number of doses received	172
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	19
Number of doses	19
Contraception:	
Women received contraceptives	0

GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

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

R. O, a 25 year old lady who presented with ruptured, perforated Uterus following a criminal abortion. An evacuation was done and then a Laparotomy. The Laparotomy revealed a huge uterine laceration which was repaired. She is doing well.

Echiye OYIBO, a 70+ year old woman with persistent feeling of a mass in the abdomen and loss of appetite. Ultrasound sound studies was highly suggestive of abdominal GIST (Gastrointestinal stromal tumour). An exploratory laparotomy was done in which cheesy like masses of large quantity were excised and sent for Histology. She has been commenced on chemotherapy. She is doing well.



Ajaratu ABUBAKAR, a 15month old Ministry of Mercy baby girl who had a major scald burn and was brought from Otutulu. She received intensive care and did remarkably improved. Wounds healed without much scarring. She is doing well at Otutulu.



Esther SAMUEL, 9 year old Pupil of one of the surrounding villages was brought to MoM Medical Centre along with her sister following a road traffic accident while returning from school. The sister gave up the ghost while under care. In spite of the initial loss of orientation, injuries to the head and lower back with blood loss she did well and recovered fully after a week of hospital stay.



Simon DANJUMA, a 26 year old young man who presented with a huge swelling at the left lower abdomen. He was diagnosed of a Left Inguinal Hernia which was successfully repaired. Patient is doing well.



General Health Statistics:

General out-patient department visits	Number
Old	229
New	69
Total	298
Ward admissions	42
Surgical procedures	17
Total no. who received drugs	278
Total number of laboratory tests done	644
Number of transfusions	16

THE GOSPEL

Our regular morning devotions and ward evangelism have continued as usual. Attendance has been very good. Although we did not record any convert during the month, we know that the seeds being sown are not in vain.

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 daily providing the needs of everyone in our orphanages.
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 and the family of Esther whose sister died from road accident injuries.

3. Pray for the three new orphans (EleOjo and Ademu) admitted within the month. Ask that God will care for them physically and spiritually until they are established in HIS will.
4. Please pray for Arafat Rabiou 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, especially for the fact that his family are Muslims.
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 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. 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.
9. Please pray against economic and security challenges facing Nigeria. Ask that the Lord's agenda for his will proceed unhindered.

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

Sincerely yours,

Dr. ODIBA Friday,
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Ministry of Mercy, Nigeria.

Ministry of Mercy..., *Love finds a way. 1 Cor. 13:7*