

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



We bring you May 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 11 new arrivals in the month of May.

- i. **Baby Testimony Omachoko** was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage Lokoja in the month of May following the death of his mother few days after he was born. He



hails from Ogene-Iga in Kogi State. It was agreed for the child to be reunited with her biological family after two years.

- ii. On May 11, 2022, **Mercy Monica Emmanuel** was brought to Ministry of Mercy Orphanage Lokoja a day after she was born for her care as the mother died. She was



taken to our hospital for medical examination. But unfortunately, we lost her a week later.



- iii. On May 19, 2022, MoM orphanage Lokoja received another baby **Grace Junior Bello** from the Kogi State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development as the mother



is found out to be a drug addict and as such unable to care for the child properly. It was agreed for Grace to be at the Orphanage for a period of two years.

- iv. **Negedu Daniel Ojochegbe** was brought to MoM Orphanage Lokoja from Atakpa-Otukpo in Benue State. He lost the mother from complications in C-Section. He will be at the orphanage for two years.



- v. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, we also had another baby **Godswill Goshen Bello** from the ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development. He was an abandoned baby found all by himself. Reasons for his abandonment are still under investigation. He will be under our care until the circumstances surrounding his coming is resolved.



- vi. On May 22, 2022, MoM Otutulu received baby **Neziru Umar** who was brought from Omala village in Kogi State a day after his birth. He was brought for his care and upkeep following the death of his mother during childbirth. He will be under our care for the next two years.



- vii. **Baby Jueretu Abubakar** was brought to MoM Otutulu on May 13, 2022 for her care and upkeep following the death of her mother in childbirth. She hails from Ejima in Benue State. She will be at the orphanage for two years.





- viii. On May 27, 2022, MoM Orphanage Otutulu received a beautiful set of triplets who lost their mother in childbirth. Their names are **Priscilla, Precious and Peace**. They hail from Ukpologia Ate in Kogi State. It was agreed for them to be at the orphanage for two years.



### **Formal handing over of babies**

Four of our children were handed over to their families in the month of May.

- i. One of our babies **Winifred Ojochide Danjuma** who was brought to MoM Otutulu in 2020 was handed over to her biological family as she has reached two years of age, the agreed term of assistance signed at the time of her admission.



ii. **Kesta Isaac** was also handed over to his family on May 28, 2022 having stayed at the orphanage for two years.



iii. On May 16, 2022, **Victoria Wandama Emmanuel** was handed over to her family having completed the two years term of agreement signed at the time of her admission.





- We are so sad to let you know that we lost two of our babies- Neziru and Abednigo to the cold hands of death in the month of May.

### **Foreign Missionaries on Visit to MoM**

We received Mrs. Pauline, Mrs. Elizabeth and 4 other persons who visited ministry of mercy from outside Nigeria during the month. We would not really refer to them as foreigners because they have been part and parcel of the ministry from early stages of the work. It's even okay if we call Mrs. Pauline a Nigerian because she (with her siblings) once lived in Nigeria as a missionary with her parents (and even grandparents).

The younger generation is being carried along for continuity through visits like this







The orphanage was blessed with several gift items presented to us by these visitors

Zoya Ministries also sent us numerous medical gift items through them. We are so grateful to receive these gifts of love from these loving and lovely brethren.



# MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

## a. Poultry:

Egg production has dropped drastically and that means the birds are done laying. We are already arranging to receive another set of layer.



**We have also received another set of 100 broilers.**



**b. Crop farming:**

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







- c. **Fish pond:** our fish pond has served as a major source of protein for our children. We received another set of 2000 fingerlings in May.



# MOM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY





In the month of May, MoM Christian Academy commenced the West African Examination Council Exams for her candidates. It has been largely successful.



On May 27, we also held our annual inter-house/children's day celebration which featured many activities including sports, debate, quiz and lots more.





This is Mindy, a 14 year old JSS2 student who was awarded the gold medal for outstanding performance in race competition during the children's day celebration.



**Construction project for MoM Staff Quarters is making great progress in our premises in Lokoja**



*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.

**Sherifat YAKUBU** is a 22 year old, Muslim young lady with background seizure disorder who presented at MOMMC with an unwanted pregnancy. She was said to have been impregnated by someone who promised to help her get a solution to her illness. The Gospel was ministered to her by Dr. Aimila who monitored her pregnancy till delivery. Dr. Aimila has been covering for the lack of family and social support. He has so far met the mother and newborn's needs. Everyone now sees her as his adopted daughter.



**Basida AMODU**, 25 year old who presented with obstructed labour from a peripheral Centre in her 3rd pregnancy. The 2 previous deliveries were by C-Section. She had a live Male neonate via emergency C-Section. This is her first live birth. Mother and baby are doing well.



**Elejo AHIABA** is a 30 year old mother of 2, who presented for antenatal care in her 8th pregnancy. She has a history of 2 previous C-Sections. She presented in labour and therefore had emergency C-Section during which a live female neonate weighing 2.5kg was extracted. Mother and baby doing well.





**Juliet VICTOR**, 30 year old in her first pregnancy who presented with prolonged labor following post-datism. Labor was prolonged due to cervical dystocia and baby went into fetal distress. As a result, she had emergency C-Section. Mother and her baby boy are doing well.



**Safiya YUNUSA**, 25 year mother of 1 who presented in her 3rd pregnancy at term with a history of previous C-Section and prolonged labor. Had emergency C-Section. Mother and her 3.4kg female neonate are doing well.



**Esther SOLOMON**, 30 year old in her first pregnancy. ANC was uneventful. However, labour was prolonged due to obstruction with resultant fetal distress. Therefore, she delivered a severely asphyxiated female neonate via emergency C-Section. The baby died within hours of birth. Grief counseling was done and she is doing well.



**Statistics on Charity Services**

Antenatal care statistics		
Week	Number of patients	
	First time visits	Follow-up visits
Week 1	08	18

Week 2	05	20
Week 3	05	24
Week 4	05	11
Week 5	02	02
Total	25	75
<b>Grand Total Number of Visits</b>		<b>100</b>
<b>Number of Deliveries</b>		
C-Sections		05
Normal Deliveries		36
<b>Total Births</b>		<b>41</b>
<b>Number Who Received Drugs for Free</b>		<b>--</b>
<b>Number Who Had Laboratory Tests for Free</b>		<b>25</b>

**Preventive Primary Health Care:**



<b>Immunizations (within the hospital)</b>	
Number of children immunized	57
Number of doses received	196
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	11
Number of doses	11
<b>Contraception:</b>	
Women received contraceptives	04

## GENERAL HEALTH CARE (non-obstetric):

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

**Saidat ABDULLAHI**, 44 year old mother of 4 with multiple uterine fibroids and Uterovaginal prolapse. Had a successful total abdominal hysterectomy. She is doing well.



**Joy SAMUEL**, 15 years old girl who presented with fever, abdominal distension and severe abdominal pain. Physical examination and Ultrasound findings were in keeping with intestinal obstruction. Exploratory laparotomy revealed perforated intestines. Closure of perforations and peritoneal lavage were done. She is doing well.



## General Health Statistics:

<b>General out-patient department visits</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>Old</b>	<b>226</b>
<b>New</b>	<b>082</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>308</b>
<b>Ward admissions</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Surgical procedures</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total no. who received drugs</b>	<b>223</b>
<b>Total number of laboratory tests done</b>	<b>599</b>
<b>Number of transfusions</b>	<b>15</b>

## THE GOSPEL

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 May.

2. Thank God for every successful healthcare delivery achieved at the MoM Medical Center. We had a whopping 41 deliveries in the Month of May. This is the highest per month we have had so far! 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 eleven new orphans and vulnerable children 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 Winifred, Isaac and Victoria who were handed over back to their families 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, 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 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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