

2022 NOVEMBER UPDATE FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



We bring you November 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



SPECIAL TESTIMONIES

Here are exciting testimonies about the educational achievements of some of our older children and the commencement of the construction of our block of classrooms project.

1. We are so excited to let you know that one of our older girls, **Pauline Ubolo** graduated from a reputable College of Nursing earlier this month. She has now joined our team of health staff at Ministry of Mercy Medical Centre, Lokoja and we cannot tell how much joy and fulfillment we derive from having our very own contribute to the delivery of free (and in a few cases highly subsidized) Medical and Surgical services to poor pregnant women and the vulnerable who would not have been able to afford otherwise. We are grateful to God for this gift and trust Him to continue raising our children to take on the baton as we are not getting younger.



2. Our daughter, **Lillian Damusa** who graduated from Highschool – Ministry of Mercy Christian Academy – in July has also gained admission to another College of Nursing and now attending school. Her school is quite more expensive than we expected but by means of divine provision, she was able to resume and get registered. Please, pray that the good Lord who saw Pauline through will give her success even as she begins the academic journey into her chosen career.



3. Also, four of our children (3 girls and 1 boy on crutches) have been admitted to one of our Polytechnics to study their preferred courses; Accounting and Library and Information Science. They as well have resumed and got through the registration process.



4. This is in addition to our many continuing students in various tertiary institutions across the country who have all gone back to school and a good number of them are making us proud.

5. We began a block of 4 classrooms project for Ministry of Mercy Christian Academy, Otutulu in July and by means of divine provision, we have finished foundation work and allowing the structure to receive enough rainwater to properly settle before we do the German floor. Please, pray for resources to complete this project as soon as possible.



Thank you for always praying for us and supporting what God is doing in the lives of these little ones of His.

Loads of love to you from all of us!

New Admissions:

We have one new arrival at the Ministry of Mercy Orphanage Otutulu and another in MoM Orphanage Lokoja in the month of November, 2022.

- ❖ **David Julie** was born on Nov.09, 2022. She was brought to MoM Orphanage Otutulu after the sudden death of her mother (as a result of complications of child birth). She hails from Ojapata Oganenugu, Dekina LGA of Kogi State. Her father's name: David Mathew and her mother's name: Onechojo Mathew Nee Kadiri.



- ❖ **Wosila Beshiru**, female, was born on August 5, 2022 and was brought to MoM orphanage Lokoja on October 24, 2022 due to the death of her mother which occurred as a result of a sudden illness as presented by her dad. Wosila hails from Nasarawa State and she is to be kept for a period of two years after which she would be reunited with her family.



HANDING OVER OF CHILDREN

Some of our children that have reached two years – the agreed terms of assistance at the time of their admission – have been handed back to their various families. We handed over a total of nine (9) children in the month of November. Below are their summaries:

- ❖ **Ngbede Daniel Ochogbe**, was born on 13th May 2022 and arrived at the MoM Orphanage on 18th May 2022. The child was handed over to his family at the age of six months on the father's request.



- ❖ **Usman Yusuf Okpanachi Emmanuel**, was born on 30th Nov 2022 and arrived at the MoM Orphanage on 2nd Dec 2022. The child was handed over to his father (Mr. Shaibu Usman) on 19th Nov 2022.



- ❖ **Ishiaka Victoria and Vivian** (Twins) were born on 1 Oct 2020, both arrived on 3 Oct 2020 and were handed over on 19th Nov 2022 to their family. (Mr. Ishiaka Kadiri and Alimi Joseph)



- ❖ **Adiza Hassan**, born on 10th Dec, 2020 and arrived at MoM Orphanage on 7th March, 2021. Was handed over to her family (Mr. Hassan Adem� and Mrs. Kentum Husseinì) on 19th Nov, 2022.



- ❖ **Victoria Aminu**, born on 2nd July, 2020 and arrived at MoM Orphanage on 5th July, 2020 and was handed over on 19th Nov, 2022 to her family.



- ❖ **Agwuye Benjamin** who was born on 23th March, 2019 and was brought to MoM Orphanage on 1st April, 2019. Was handed over on 19th Nov, 2022 to her family.



- ❖ These are the pictures of some of the children that were handed over back to their families.



MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

REPORT FROM THE FARM.

- The cassava tuber harvest from the MoM Orphanage farm



- The Beans tuber harvest from the MoM Orphanage farm



- The Locus Beans harvest from the MoM Orphanage farm



- The Palm Oil production at MoM Orphanage.



- These are the layers, 215 in number.



- The Pigs are all feeding well.



Best Regards,
Alidu Monday, Sabo Yunusa, and Oluwatobi Oreh.

MOM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



- The Nursery school pupils during school hour.



Sincerely yours,

Monday Alidu, Sabo Yunusa and Oluwatobi Ore

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**. **10** women had **child deliveries virtually free of charge** within the month; **four** 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.

Olekwu JOHN, 32-year-old in her 2nd pregnancy. Severe Oligohydramnios (low amniotic fluid) and post datism. Had emergency C-section. Mother and baby are doing well.



Joy Ladi JOSHUA, 40-year-old in her first pregnancy. Had elective C-Section for elderly primip. Mother and baby are doing well.



Habibat KABIRU, 32-year-old mother of 2 in her 3rd pregnancy. Has history of 2 previous C-section. Had elective C-Section during which a live Female neonate was extracted. Mother and baby are doing well.



Bukola JAMIU, 23-year-old in her first pregnancy. She presented in labour with elevated blood pressure. She had a live Female neonate via emergency C-Section. Mother and baby are doing well



Hassana ISHAQ, a 22-year-old in her second pregnancy at term. Had a previous history of C-section following prolonged labour with IUFD. Her fetal presentation was breech in addition to previous C-section. Therefore, she had a C-Section during which a live male neonate was extracted. Mother and baby are doing well.



Shalom ABIOLA, 26-year-old mother of 1 in her second pregnancy. Had a smooth Antenatal Care. She had a successful elective C-Section for twin gestation in which the leading twin was in oblique lie. Mother and baby are doing well.



Hellen GODWIN, 33-year-old in her second pregnancy. Has left breast cancer with axillary adenopathy. Presented with excessive vaginal bleeding before delivery (Antepartum Haemorrhage). Had a successful emergency C-section. The next plan is on involving the Oncologist for expert management of the advanced Breast cancer. Mother and baby are doing well.



Blessing PUKE, a 26-year-old in her first pregnancy who presented at term with ultrasound scan suspecting a big baby. She had a successful C-section during which a live male neonate weighing 3.5kg was extracted. Mother and baby are doing well.



Statistics on Charity Services

Antenatal care statistics		
Week	Number of patients	
	First time visits	Follow-up visits
Week 1	04	19
Week 2	05	12
Week 3	08	16
Week 4	12	13
Week 5	-	13
Total	29	73
Grand Total Number of Visits		102
Number of Deliveries		
C-Sections		04
Normal Deliveries		06
Total Births		10
Total number of laboratory tests done for free		40

Preventive Primary Health Care:

Immunizations (within the hospital)	
Number of children immunized	95
Number of doses received	260
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	19
Number of doses	19
Contraception:	
Women received contraceptives	05

GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

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

Emmanuel OCHEME is a 19-month-old baby boy with a congenital inguinoscrotal hernia. Had a successful herniotomy. He is doing well.



Samuel JAMES is a 30-year-old farmer with a massive bilateral hydrocele (scrotal swelling due to fluid-filled sac around the testicles). Had a successful repair. He 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:

- One of the children, **Akinmah Isah** had a bad ulcer on the scalp. She was referred to MoM Medical Centre Lokoja where her condition significantly improved and the ulcer has largely healed. She was now referred back to our local clinic at MoM Orphanage Otutulu to continue the dressing until complete healing is achieved.



- This is **Ruth Edeh** one of the MoM wards with multiple disabilities, she had diarrhea and vomiting and she was placed on drugs and ORS. She has recovered. Also, one of the male children **Danny Friday** had a recurrent fever and poor appetite. He was placed on malaria treatment and an antibiotic course with IV fluids of 4.3% dextrose. He has also recovered.



THE GOSPEL

You may recall from our last report that our chaplain had to resign to be able to return home to care for his sick wife. Gospel activities are now 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. Praise God for our recent multiple testimonies of academic progress among our children in the orphanage. To Him alone be all the praise.
2. Thank God for His daily goodness and mercy towards everyone in our orphanages, schools, farms and the Medical Center.
3. Thank HIM for every provision from HIM through various means.
4. Thank God for successful childbirth and other healthcare services achieved at the MoM Medical Center.
5. Please pray for our orphans who have been handed back to their families – Ngbede Daniel Ochogbe, Usman Yusuf Okpanachi Emmanuel, Ishiaka Victoria and Vivian (Twins), Adiza Hassan, Victoria Aminu, Agwuye Benjamin. 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.
6. Pray for David Julie and Wosila Beshiru, the new orphans admitted within the month, that God will raise them and provide for their physical and spiritual needs.
7. Thank God for the success of our farming activities – cropping, fishery, poultry and fishery. We pray that God will continue to grant increase.
8. 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.
9. 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*

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