

2022 SEPTEMBER UPDATE FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



We bring you September 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



MoM ORPHANAGES

Admissions

During the month of September, MoM Orphanage, Otutulu received just one new orphaned child. We are grateful to God that during this month many women did not lose their lives in the process of bringing forth another live.

Emmanuel Solomon was the only child admitted into the Orphanage in Otutulu in September (September 9, 2022) following the death of his mother on September 8, 2022, during childbirth. He hails from Agatu Local Government Area of Benue State.



Handing Over

In the month of September, two of our babies were handed over to their biological families. One of them is baby Miracle Joseph Abah who was brought to Ministry of Mercy in July, 2020. He was handed over to his biological family, having reached two years of age, the agreed term of assistance signed at the time of Miracle's admission. Please pray that the Lord may provide



resources for the father to be able to care for his physical, medical and educational needs.

Building projects

We were able to continue work on our two residential buildings at our Orphanage in Lokoja. Walling for the third suspended floor has been completed and the buildings are now ready to be roofed.



Also, we have made significant progress in our kitchen/dining building which has been redesigned to accommodate two more floors to be used as classrooms. We finished iron and concrete work for the first suspended floor and will commence walling soon.

As for our classroom project in Otutulu, we are allowing the building some exposure to the rain for some time before we do the German floor.



MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

- **Poultry:** We received another set of 300 pullets and they are growing so fast. This is to ensure that we continually have eggs for our children.
- **Palm fruit processing continues.** We are grateful to God that we do not have to buy most of the oil we use in the two locations of our Orphanage.



- **Fish pond:** our fish pond has served as a major source of protein for our children. We have exhausted the first set and now feeding on the second one. We look forward to being able to restock the other pond before we exhaust what we are feeding on.



Best Regards,

Alidu Monday, Sabo Yunusa, and Ogijoh Joseph.

MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



On September 25, 2022, Ministry of Mercy Christian Academy resumed academic activities for the first term 2022/2023 academic session. Both teachers and students were happy to be back to school after a long break

As part of the preparation for the new term, the management employed four new teachers (one male and three females) to replace our teachers who left to further their education.



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**. **13** 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.

Munirat ABDULMOJID, is a 37-year-old mother of 2. She already had 3 previous C-Sections. The antenatal care was uneventful. She was counseled for elective C-Section which was well accepted. The surgery was very successful. Mother and baby are doing well.



Husseina JUBRIN is a 21-year-old lady who presented in her 2nd pregnancy but had no child alive. Pregnancy was coexisting with extensive giant vulva warts making vaginal delivery inappropriate. It is important to note that she took several herbal remedies with improvement. In the course of antenatal visits, she was counseled for C-section. The operation for the removal warts was therefore delayed till term. At term, she had a C-Section for delivery of her baby and then a painstaking and time-consuming excision of the warts. She and her baby are doing well.



Francisca MONDAY is a 27 old in her first pregnancy. She had a smooth antenatal care. At term she started experiencing liquor drainage. Days later, induction was commenced but that failed, necessitating emergency C-Section. The theatre team had both on and off duty staff praying for success of the surgery. Any wonder why such a massive support for this patient? Definitely not! Francisca works with the Nursing Unit and her husband Uncle Monday works with the



Orphanage. So, this is a real Ministry of Mercy baby. We were all eagerly expectant. Uncle Daniel Edeh and Mummy were also prayerfully waiting. Then... “Alas! It is a boy!” cried the Obstetrician.

It was a joyful day in MOMMC beginning from the theatre. The Lord hath done us well and we filled with gladness. The healthy mother and baby were discharged after a week of hospital stay post C-Section.

Ummi HUSSEINI, A 24-year-old in her second pregnancy: She had a smooth antenatal period. At term she had obstructed labor due to a mismatch between the size of the fetal head and size of the maternal pelvis. As a result, she had an emergency C-Section. Mother and child are healthy and doing well.



Zainab GIWA is a 36 years old mother of 8 in her 9th pregnancy. She had no antenatal care here but was brought in unconscious with elevated blood pressure and leg swelling. She had an emergency C-Section during which a set of male and female twin were extracted. Mother however died 2 hours after surgery. The babies are being taken care of by the Orphanage.



Statistics on Charity Services

Preventive Primary Health Care:

Antenatal care statistics		
Week	Number of patients	
	First time visits	Follow-up visits
Week 1	15	57
Week 2	34	61
Week 3	18	66
Week 4	20	57
Week 5	01	17
Total	88	258
Grand Total Number of Visits		346
Number of Deliveries		
C-Sections		03
Normal Deliveries		10
Total Births		13
Total number of laboratory tests done for free		52

Immunizations (within the hospital)	
Number of children immunized	81
Number of doses received	180
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	34
Number of doses	34
Contraception:	
Women received contraceptives	01

GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

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

H. J. is a 24-year-old lady who was brought in with abdominal pain and excessive vaginal bleeding. Ultrasound scan was suggestive of Septic abortion with uterine rupture. A laparotomy revealed Tubo-ovarian/uterine Abscess. Peritoneal lavage and evacuation were done. Patient is recovering.



Suleiman MOHAMMED is a 7 year old boy who sustained a nasal bridge injury from a Road Traffic Accident. He received attention in the vicinity of the accident with resulting difficulty in breathing. The scar tissues were removed and the wound was repaired. He is now doing well.



Israel EDIBOKUN is a 16-year-old boy who presented with recurrent abdominal pain, fever, difficulty in breathing and vomiting. Ultrasound studies was suggestive of subhepatic abscess. A right paramedian incision Laparotomy was done. Patient is doing well.



Jimmy ABRAHAM is a 30-year-old who presented with abdominal pain, nausea and excessive weakness. Ultrasound studies suggested Perforated intestinal viscus. However, an emergency laparotomy revealed peritonitis due to inflamed appendix and distended small bowels. Peritoneal lavage and appendicectomy were done. He is doing well.



Jacob OLORUNDARE is 69-year-old man, who presented with an inguinal bulge. He was diagnosed of right inguinal hernia. He had a successful herniorrhaphy and he is doing well.



General Health Statistics:

General out-patient department visits	Number
Old	258
New	88
Total	346
Ward admissions	43
Surgical procedures	08
Total no. who received drugs	273

Total number of laboratory tests done	621
Number of transfusions	13

THE GOSPEL

The gospel continues to be shared among our patients and their caregivers through various avenues - Morning devotion sessions and ward evangelism. Our morning devotion sessions are attended by both Christians and non-Christians, with good attendance. We are particularly excited to get feedback from the attendees that they are blessed during the devotion sessions.

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 His daily goodness and mercy towards everyone in our orphanages, schools, farms and Medical Center.
2. Thank God for successful childbirth and other healthcare services achieved at the MoM Medical Center.
3. Pray for Emmanuel Solomon the new orphan admitted within the month, that God will raise him and provide for his physical and spiritual needs.
4. Pray also for Miracle Joseph Abah as he reunites with his family of birth. Pray that he will be guided through the right path to his destiny outside the Orphanage.
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. May God strengthen the hands and hearts of supporters.
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 our various programs.
8. Thank God for the progress of our building project. Please continue to pray for resources and the grace to finish in good time.
9. Please continue to pray for Nigeria that God will stabilize the political system and give us better security.
10. Please pray that God will comfort the families of patients who could not survive their conditions.

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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