

2023 JANUARY UPDATE FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



We bring you January 2023 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



New Admissions:

We had one new intake at our Lokoja Orphanage for the month of January. She is **Jumai Danladi**, a baby girl born on December 21, 2022. She was brought to MoM Orphanage Lokoja on January 6, 2023 for her upkeep for a period of two years. This was following the death of her mother due to a severe loss of blood during and after childbirth. She was brought from Agaga Village, Koton-Karfe L.G.A., Kogi State. She is to be with us for a period of two years.



Handing Over

1. **Hassana and Husseina Isah**, female twin babies, brought from Ogule-Ogbaulu, Agatu L.G.A., Benue State on November 10, 2020, were handed over on January 12, 2023 to be reunited with their biological family, having completed the two years of agreement of their upkeep. Their handing over was done in the presence of Hajia Sa'adat Abdulazeez, a principal officer from Child Department of the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Lokoja.



2. **Elisha Tashilani Samuel** was brought to MoM Orphanage on May 21, 2021, having lost her mother to a complicated Caesarean Session (CS). He was sickly and at a point, diagnosed with tuberculosis. We thank God that he survived it all and was handed over in good condition of health on January 13, 2023, to his family.



3. **Joseph Benjamin** lost his mother on October 28, 2020 in childbirth and was brought to MoM Orphanage for his care and upkeep for two years. He was handed over on January 14, 2023 after the completion of his two years of agreement.



4. **Gushigi Maigida Metani (ELLA)** was also handed over to her family on January 14, 2023. The management of Ministry of Mercy was finally able to get her family down for her handing over, after abandoned her for several years because of her physical disability. Gushigi lost her mother at birth and was said to be cared for, for a period of two years at MoM Orphanage, Lokoja.



Baby Milk

Infant milk is an integral part of our needs at the two orphanages. They help with the feeding needs of our numerous infant babies. We get as much on a monthly basis. Below are pictures of what we got for the month of January.



MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

The Poultry

The layers chicken has started dropping eggs, although not many. About 1 crate and some eggs will be picked in a day now.



The Piggery

Some of the pregnant pigs have given birth to their piglets.



Crops

1. **Cashew:** This is cashew season we have started harvesting the cashew nuts from the farm.
This is the photo of one of the harvests from farm, but we have had more than three bags since then.



2. African mango
3. dika, (*Irvingia gabonensis*), also called African mango, Gabon chocolate, orogbono, tree of the family *Irvingiaceae*, native to western Africa, and its edible seeds. These are okra fruits harvested from MOM farm, it has been sliced. This will be used in the kitchen for MOM children.



Best Regards,

Alidu Monday, Sabo Yunusa, and Oluwatobi Oreh.

MOM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



1. These are the photos of daycare children playing at the daycare section.



2. Nursery pupils are holding their physical exercises outside their classes



The school academic programmes formally resumed on the 9th of January 2023.
All the teachers and other education staff have all return to their various residents at Otutulu, before the school resumption date.

SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT



Work on the laid down foundation of four classroom block has begun, the Mason, iron bender and Piller molder came and worked this January and the structure has been built to the lintel level.

Sincerely yours,

Monday Alidu, Sabo Yunusa and Oluwatobi Oreh

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**. **Eleven** women had **child deliveries virtually free of charge** within the month; **six** of these were **highly-subsidized cesarean sections**. This is in addition to **several orphans** who also had **medical services free of charge**. A few of these stories and statistics are summarized below.



Rachael OGALA, a 32-year-old who presented for Antenatal care in her 3rd pregnancy. She has had 2 precious CS but no child alive. She therefore had elective C-Section during which a live male neonate weighing 2.5Kg was extracted. Mother and baby are doing well.



Khadijat ABDULRAHAMAN, a 24 year old mother of 2 who presented for ANC in her 3rd pregnancy. Had a smooth ANC but presented in labour with features of fetal distress. Had a live male neonate via emergency C-Section.



Zulfah ISHIAQ, a 20 year in her 2nd pregnancy. She had a C-Section less than a year ago for an intra uterine dead baby. Therefore, she had an elective C-Section for a live male neonate. Mother and child are doing well.



Rabi ADAMU, 34-year-old mother of 2 who presented for ANC in her 7th pregnancy. Last 4 births were stillborn. She had an elective C-Section. Mother and child are doing well.



Bidemi GODWIN, 25-year-old mother of 1 in her 3rd pregnancy. Has history of 2 previous C-sections. Therefore, she had elective C-Section. Mother and baby 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	07	36
Week 2	04	39
Week 3	07	40
Week 4	06	33
Week 5	-	08
Total	24	156
Grand Total Number of Visits		180
Number of Deliveries		
C-Sections		06
Normal Deliveries		05
Total Births		11
Total number of laboratory tests done for free		32

Immunizations (within the hospital)	
Number of children immunized	89
Number of doses received	249
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	15
Number of doses	15
Contraception:	
Women received contraceptives	01

GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

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



Gombo MUSA, 23-year-old who presented with abdominal and Right inguinal swelling. Was diagnosed of Obstructed Hernia. Had a successful herniorrhaphy. He is doing well.



Eikwuojo JOSEPH, Female infant. 4 months 6 days old. An abandoned baby brought in by the Ministry of Women Affairs, Kogi State on the 16th October 2022. She was one of a twin, the other is normal and apparently healthy. She had Cleft lip, Cleft palate and Microcephaly. She experienced tonic clonic seizures on several occasions. Had recurrent admissions for fever and diarrhea. She appeared to be coping while waiting for intervention until she died in her sleep in the early hours of 7th February 2023.

General Health Statistics:

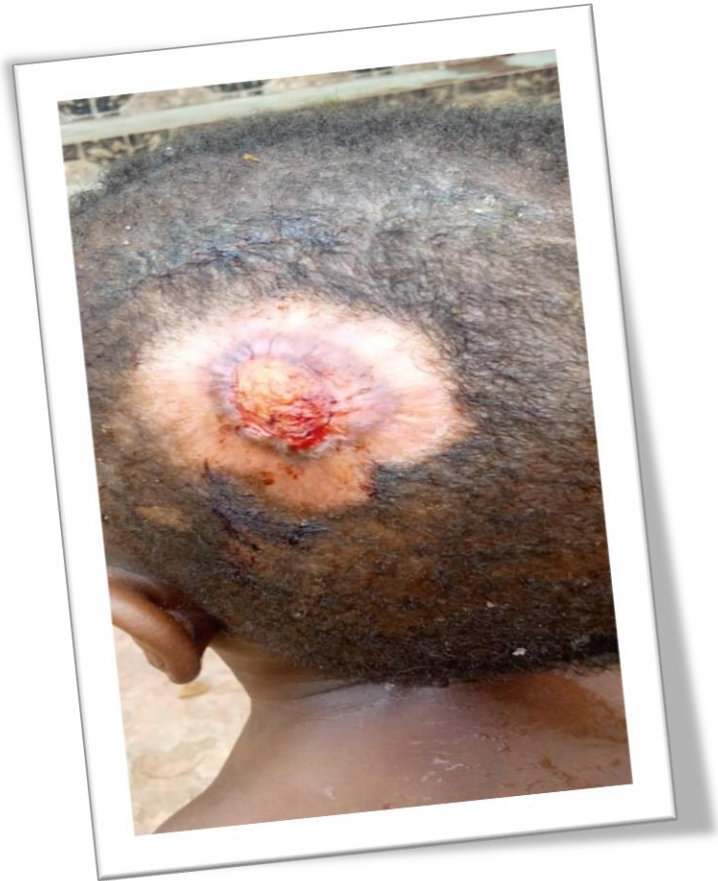
General out-patient department visits	Number
Old	158
New	054
Total	212
Ward admissions	50
Surgical procedures	13
Total no. who received drugs	251
Total number of laboratory tests done	401
Number of transfusions	02

REPORT FROM MoM Clinic Outlet in Otutulu Village:

1. **W. Y.** is one of our orphaned girls who has been HIV-positive from birth. She successfully lived with this infection for 13 years now. She is very healthy and goes to her school. Her last drug refill visit at the Kogi State University Teaching Hospital Anyigba was on the 13, of January 2023.



2. **Joan** who had a scalp ulcer, the ulcer has completely healed but recently she had a domestic accident and had skin breakage at the wound scar, now we are cleaning and dressing the wound.



Some of our male children are circumcised in the month of January 2023, and the wound healed well.

These are the few reports from various departments of MOM Orphanage Otutulu in the month of January 2023.

THE GOSPEL

Gospel activities are ongoing in the Medical Center, targeted at patients and relatives. In the absence of a substantive chaplain, the activities are 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. Thank God for His daily goodness and mercy towards everyone in our orphanages, schools, farms and the Medical Center.
2. Thank HIM for every provision from HIM through various means.
3. Thank God for successful childbirth and other healthcare services achieved at the MoM Medical Center.
4. Please pray for our 5 orphans who have been handed back to their families. 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.
5. Pray for **Jumai Danladi**, the new orphan admitted within the month, that God will raise them and provide for her physical and spiritual needs.
6. Thank God for the success of our farming activities – cropping, fishery, poultry and fishery. We pray that God will continue to grant increase.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Finally, pray for Nigeria as we navigate through the election season. There is a lot of desperation among the contestants. Please pray that God's will prevails.

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*

DONATIONS

You are welcome to help more of these kinds of people get help however you can: you can help an orphan get a meal, diapers, infant formula/milk, clothes; you can help a pregnant woman access a doctor for expert antenatal consultation and care, or help her give birth in expert medical hands, or help a sick child see a doctor, or any of these under listed services, for free or at an affordable subsidy through your donations as God will enable you. All donations are welcome.

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MoM Medical Center

Maternal Care	Full Cost Waiver in Naira	Full Cost Waiver in USD Current exchange rate averages 362 naira per dollar, but may increase or decrease at any time.
Cesarean section	150,000 naira	\$416.00
Normal delivery	22,000 naira	\$61.00
Antenatal consultation	300 naira per visit	\$0.85
Routine antenatal drugs/medicines	Average 4,000 naira per pregnancy	Average \$11.00
Other Medical Services	Total in 2018: 2,300 naira	Average \$6.35
Pediatrics care - Kids below 1 year and all Orphans	Full Cost Waiver in Naira	Full Cost Waiver in USD
Clinic consultation	300 naira per visit	\$0.85

Ward Review	200 naira per review, average 2-7 reviews per hospital stay	\$0.55 per review
Lab tests	Average of 1500 naira per test, average 3-5 tests per patient	\$4.20
Drugs/medicines	600-5,000 naira per course	\$1.70-\$14.00
Other Medical Services	Total in 2018: 2,300 naira per patient	Average \$6.35
Clinic consultation	150 naira per visit	\$0.40
Ward review	100 naira per review, average 2-7 reviews per hospital stay	\$0.30
Lab tests	Average 750 naira per test, average 3-5 tests per patient	\$2.10
Drugs/medicines	1,500-2,500 naira per course	\$4.14-\$6.91
Other Medical Services	Total in 2018 150 naira	\$0.41
Widows and indigent patients	Cost Reduced According to the Patients' Needs	“Sliding Scale”
All Medical Services	Total in 2018 > 93,760 naira	>\$259.00

MoM Orphanages

Items	quantity	Cost (in naira)	Cost (US dollars)
Infant milk per child for one month	8 tins	24,000	66.30

Diapers for one child for a month	2 packs	8,600	23.76
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Below are options of the links through which you can send in your donations

Through EQUIP CANADA:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/equipping-christian-workers-society/#donate-now-pane>

Through EQUIP USA:

<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/equipinternational>

Through Partners in Joy (PiJ):

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=5XJ6GYTCC36N8&source=url

Explore our website @: www.ministryofmercy.org

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