

# 2023 JULY TO DECEMBER UPDATE FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



We bring you greetings after a while from Ministry of Mercy, Nigeria.

We have been unable to keep sending our monthly updates as usual due to an unexpected occurrence that interrupted the process since June 2023. We apologize for the break in transmission, and we are glad to be back. Rather than completely skip the reports from July till date, we have decided to do a combined but summarized report for July to December 2023.

Welcome to our 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 period.

## **MINISTRY OF MERCY ORPHANAGES**



Ministry of Mercy Orphanage has homes both in Otutulu village and in Lokoja the state capital city. We have a total of over 400 residents comprising mainly orphans, abandoned/homeless children, people with various physical challenges. Virtually on a monthly basis, the homes receive new children into our care. Children who have completed their stay in the orphanage also get handed back to their families from time to time.

A lot of activities take place in the orphanage. These include academic activities within MoM Christian Academy, medical services, large scale agricultural activities, spiritual and evangelistic activities.

## **Otutulu Home**

### **New Admissions:**

**Over the past 6 months, the homes had a total of 22 new orphans admitted. A few of them are mentioned below:**

We had two new arrivals at MOM Orphanage Otutulu in the month of July 2023.



**Name:** Abdulrazack Isah

**DOB:** May 23, 2023.

**Arrival date:** July 17, 2023

**Village:** Abejukolo, Omala LGA.

**Father's name:** Isah Muhammed.

**Mother's name:** Belikisu Isah.

**Tribe:** Igala.

**Religion:** Islam.

Causes of mother's death was fever.

**Name:** Mustepha Nomatulla.

**DOB:** July 12, 2023.

**Arrival:** July 21, 2023. Village: Ajaka, Igala Mela/Odolu LGA.

**Tribe:** Igala.

**Religion:** Islam.

**Sex:** female.

**Admission wt.:** 3.50kg.

**Father's name:** Mustepha Audu.

**Mother's name.** Sekinetu Mustepha nee Hussein.

Causes of mother's death was bleeding after birth.





**Name:** Khalifa Zubairu.

**DOB:** August 05, 2023.

**DOA:** Sunday August 13, 2023.

**Father's name:** Zubairu Yakubu.

**Mother's name:** Halimat Zubairu nee Hussein.

**Village:** Ika Achele, Ankpa LGA, Kogi State.

**Place of birth:** Ika Christian hospital.

**Admission weight:** 0.95kg.

**NB:** the baby was born premature due to his mother's health challenges that led to her death. The family requested for the discharge of his mother from hospital against the consent of the doctor and the hospital management and she died at home.

**Tribe:** Igala.

**Religion:** Islam.

**Sex:** Male.

These are **Taye and Kehinde Matthew**, a set of twin babies brought to MoM Orphanage Lokoja on August 14, 2023.

**Date of birth:** August 13, 2023.

**Home address:** Araomi -oke, Ekiti State.

Reason that they were brought to the orphanage: their mother developed a mental illnesses in the process of childbearing.

**Expected period of stay:** 2 years.



## Handing Over of Children

A total of 32 orphans were handed over back to their families over the past 6 months. A few of them are mentioned below:



**Name:** Ann Eleojo Moses.

**DOB:** June 25, 2021.

**Date of arrival:** June 28, 2021.

**Date she was handed over:** July 29, 2023.

**Father:** Moses Adikwu.

**Mother:** Ann Moses nee Odunu.

**Village:** Ejinya Ameji, Ankpa, Ankpa LGA



### **A SET OF TWINS**

**Names:** Naomi Vincent (twin 1).

Ruth Vincent (twin 2).

**DOB:** August 09, 2021.

**Arrival date:** August 12, 2021.

**Date handed over:** August 26, 2023.

**Father's name:** Vincent Ejelikwu.

**Mother's name:** Deborah Ejelikwu.

**Village:** Auke, Apa LGA, Venue State.

**Sex:** both are female.

**Religion:** Christianity.

**Name:** Nejiru Idris.

**DOB:** June 16, 2021

**Arrival date:** July 01, 2021.

Date handed over to his biological father was,  
August 26, 2023.

**Village:** Agam - Nasarawa, Nasarawa LGA,  
Nasarawa State.

**Tribe:** Afo.

**Religion:** Islam.

**Father's name:** Idris Okakwu.

**Mothers name:** Berikisu Idris nee Abuh



**Names:** Grace and Mercy John

**Date of Arrival:** August 31, 2023

They were brought following the death of their mother  
during childbirth to be raised for two years.

They were handed over on August 30, 2023.

**Hassan and Hussein** were brought to MOM Orphanage Lokoja on August 31, 2020

DOB: August 28, 2028

They were brought in from Nasarawa State for their upkeep for a period of two years following the death of their mother immediately after their birth.

They were handed over on August 28, 2023.



## **LOKOJA BUILDING PROJECTS**

MoM Lokoja is building 2 blocks of two story buildings to accommodate her staff residents and one mega-storey building comprising classrooms, a dining hall and a large kitchen area on the compound. This project has reached roofing stage. We thank God for his Providence all through to this point.



### 2023 ANNUAL GIRLS CAMP:

We had a very successful program this year at our annual girls' camp. It attracted several scores of girls as participants.



# MoM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



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Ministry of Mercy Christian Academy is one of the main arms of the Ministry. It meets the academic requirements of our teeming children population in our orphanages. It provides education at the levels of:

- The creche
- The primary/elementary (basic) school
- The secondary (high) school

Several children from the neighborhood also benefit from these schools.

National Examination Council (NECO) exams is one of the exit examinations. It commenced in the month of July 12 2023 and ended on the 9th of August 2023. Many of our high school finalists sat for this examination. We are expecting great results.



## **GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PUPILS AND HIGH SCHOOL**

There was a graduation ceremony for our pupils/ students who graduated / promoted from one class to another, including our SSS3 students that finally graduated from secondary school. Nursery 3 pupils graduated as well and will be going to elementary class 1.

Primary 6 pupils graduated and will be going to Junior High School class 1.

Junior High class 3 students graduated and will be going to Senior high class 1, and the final year high school students finally graduated from high school at MOM Christian Academy Otutulu.







There were presentation of gifts/awards to the best students in different academic performances and subjects.

The first term academic activities began from 28 of August 2023 whereby the teachers resumes to prepare their syllabus / curriculum and lesson plans. And the students resumes fully on the 11th of September and class activities begins immediately.

Sincerely yours,

***Monday Alidu, Sabo Yunusa and Oluwatobi Oreh***

# MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

Our various farming forms continue to thrive. Our tractor is really a blessing.



Beans farm around the school compound



Poultry farm





**The pig farm**

**Best Regards,  
Alidu Monday, 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 over the past 6 months are summarized below.



**Esther Okuku**, a 42 year old, mother of 3 in her 5<sup>th</sup> pregnancy. She presented in labour with excessive vaginal bleeding. Diagnosis of Antepartum Haemorrhage due to Placental previa was made. A live neonate was delivered via emergency C-section. Mother and baby are doing well.



**Hannah Matthew**, a 30 year mother of 2 in her 3<sup>rd</sup> pregnancy. ANC period was essentially uneventful. Due to the previous C-Sections, she cooperated for elective C-section at 38 weeks. Mother and baby are doing well.`



**Oyiza ABDULMALIK**, 25 year old Lady, in her first pregnancy, who presented at term with features of prolonged labour complicated with fetal distress. Emergency CS was done during which presentation was discovered to be face to pubis. Mother and baby are doing well.



**Aishat Zakari**, a 29 year old Lady, Mother of 1 from 2 previous pregnancies that resulted in C-Section. Had ANC period that was challenged by elevated Blood pressure. She presented after a prolonged labour and was taken for emergency C-Section. The baby died from complications of severe birth Asphyxia on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of birth. She is recovering.



**Jumai ABUBAKAR**, a 42 year old, mother of 10 children in her 11<sup>th</sup> pregnancy. Had a smooth ANC until the 30<sup>th</sup> week when she presented with excessive vaginal bleeding and inability to feel fetal movement. After examination, a diagnosis of Abruption Placentae + IUFD (Intra-uterine Fetal Death) was made. She had emergency lower segment C-section with 2 pints of blood. She is doing well.

### GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

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



**Abdulrazak YAHAYA**, 1 and ½ year old boy who presented with severe lower abdominal pain, inguinoscrotal swelling, vomiting, inability to eat and excessive crying. Though the swelling was said to have been there from birth, the sudden appearance of other symptoms necessitated presentation in the hospital. Often swells up but regresses. However, they had to present because of the severity this time. He was diagnosed of Obstructed Congenital Hernia. He had emergency herniotomy during which an obstructed double loop of intestine was released. He is doing well after the surgery.



**Rabiat Adamu, a 28 year old lady who presented with severe abdominal pain, nausea and fever.**

**Ultrasound Scan was suggestive of ruptured appendicitis.**

**Had emergency appendectomy with peritoneal lavage. She is doing.**



**Nasiru ADAJI, a 30 years old young man with history of right-sided waist swelling that recedes and comes up frequently. He was diagnosed of a Right inguinal Hernia. He had a successful herniorrhaphy and he is doing well.**

## **STATISTICS OF NEW PATIENTS, OUTPATIENTS, DELIVERIES, DRUGS GIVEN AND CESAREAN SECTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2023**

Months	New patients	Outpatients	Deliveries	Immunizations	Drugs Given	Cesarean Sections
January	Male =31 Female =23 Total =54	Male=2 Female=135 Total=156	7	274	26	7
February	Male =15 Female =20 Total=35	Male =21 Female=120 Total =141	7	280	26	4

<b>March</b>	Male =20 Female=35 Total =55	Male=21 Female=138 Total=159	8	276	25	7
<b>April</b>	Male =38 Female=28 Total =66	Male=38 Female=26 Total=64	4	239	30	9
<b>May</b>	Male =20 Female=47 Total 67	Male =17 Female=171 Total =188	5	272	14	6
<b>June</b>	Male=18 Female=47 Total=65	Male =24 Female=139 Total=163	12	169	18	7
<b>July</b>	Male =24 Female=42 Total=66	Male=45 Female=104 Total=249	14	287	30	7
<b>August</b>	Male =27 Female=63 Total =90	Male=28 Female=171 Total =199	9	351	56	6
<b>September</b>	Male=36 Female=48 Total=78	Male=35 Female=140 Total =175	20	343	68	5
<b>October</b>	Male=17 Female=50 Total=67	Male=20 Female=130 Total =150	27	335	34	9

<b>November</b>	<b>Male=25</b> <b>Female=48</b> <b>Total=73</b>	<b>Male=28</b> <b>Female=150</b> <b>Total =178</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Male=18</b> <b>Female=24</b> <b>Total=42</b>	<b>Male =13</b> <b>Female =68</b> <b>Total=81</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>

## END OF THE YEAR THANKSGIVING

MoM Medical Center usually holds End of the Year Thanksgiving celebration, thanking God for the year. Many of our staff and their families had a great time together. Food and drinks, award presentation and lots more were the order of the day. God has been faithful to us in 2023.



## REPORT FROM MoM Clinic Outlet in Otutulu Village:

1. On the 14th of June 2023, routine immunization exercise was administered to our children of one year and below.



2. Our children and staff are dewormed periodically, with priority for the children.



3. Some of our younger children are placed on diets which includes eggs vegetable fruits and other foods rich in essential vitamins.
4. We are giving malaria preventive drugs to our children every month, and this is controlling the incidence rate among our children. The category of children that are to benefit are children of 3 to 12 months, and 12 to 59 months respectively.



**One of our boy Justin Ahiaba had scald and he is receiving treatments.**



**Many of our children suffered cough and respiratory infections in the month of August, we thank God they are getting better.**

### THE GOSPEL

**Queen JIMOH** is an 18-year-old lady who presented at our hospital accompanied by her mother, on account of retained placenta and persistent vaginal bleeding shortly after a stillbirth. On arrival, she was immediately taken into the labor room where a successful manual removal of the placenta was done. She became stable after a transfusion of 2 pints of blood. After a week of stay, she was reassessed and found stable for discharge.

With many more unanswered questions about her pregnancy and marriage, one of our senior doctors' attention was drawn to this needy woman – needy of attention, healthcare, love, money, and the savior – everything. After a session of counseling and encouragement, the doctor presented Christ to her.

Thereafter, the Medical Director invited her mother who opened up on the problems surrounding them. A decision was immediately taken to reach the Proprietor who usually assists indigent patients and pays up bills. The Proprietor responded as soon he was contacted, and the hospital bills were cleared. They were also given money and food items. They were both invited to the office and preached to and gladly they accepted the message of salvation.

This is the story of how our patient and her mother were ministered to spirit, soul, and body at MoM Medical Center. They joyfully departed from MoM premises the same day. At MoM Medical Center, we are committed to reaching out to the complete human – spirit, soul and body – with the compassionate love of Jesus Christ. We pray that God will continue to find us useful in HIS hands.





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 keeping every child and orphan in our orphanages throughout the months of July to december.**
- 2. Praise HIM for the great progress being made with our building projects – the staff quarters complexes, the Classrooms/dining/kitchen complex and the block of school classrooms.**
- 3. Thank HIM for provision for our various needs using various means, including great people like you.**
- 4. Thank God for every successful childbirth and other healthcare service achieved at the MoM Medical Center.**
- 5. Please pray for all the 32 orphans who have been handed back to their families. May the Lord keep them in Jesus' name.**
- 6. Pray for all the 22 new orphans admitted within the month, that God will raise them and provide for her physical and spiritual needs in Jesus' name.**
- 7. Thank God for the success of our farming activities – cropping, fishery, poultry, piggery, and fishery. May the Lord continue to bless our efforts.**
- 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.**
- 10. Pray for continued supplies for our on-going multiple building projects for speedy completion.**
- 11. Finally, please pray for a greater 2024 as we set our goals high, trusting in the faithfulness of the Almighty.**

*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.*