

2023 MARCH UPDATE FROM MINISTRY OF MERCY, NIGERIA Inc.



We bring you greetings from Ministry of Mercy, Nigeria.

Welcome to our monthly updates from all three arms of our mission:

- MoM Orphanages
- MoM Christian Academy and
- MoM Medical Center.

Here are some of our stories for the month of March 2023.

MINISTRY OF MERCY ORPHANAGES



NEW ARRIVALS

We had one new arrival to MoM Orphanage Otutulu and none to MoM Lokoja in the month of March 2023.

Name: Timeni Rai.

DOB: February 07, 2023.

Date of arrival: March 08, 2023.

Sex: Male. Tribe Bassa Komo. Religion: Christianity. Village: Changudu, Bassa LGA, Kogi State. Father's name: Rai Hulobu. Mother's name: Martha Rai nee Samuel.

The duration of the child's stay is two years.



HANDING OVER OF CHILDREN

A total of four children were handed over to their biological families on 25th March 2023, after staying with us for two years, the agreed period of assistance.

Here are their brief details.

1. Name: Miracle Friday.



DOB: 25/02/2021

Arrival date: Saturday 06, 2021.

The date he was handed over: Saturday, March 25, 2023.

Village: Otukpo - Ojile, Ankpa LGA, Kogi State.

The child was handed over back to the biological father who brought him.

2. Name: Dorothy Danladi Okwonu.



DOB: March 14, 2021.

Arrival date: March 16, 2021. The date she was handed over was March 25, 2023.

Father's name: Danladi Okwonu. Mother's name: Husseina Danladi Okwonu.

Village: Odenin - Gida.

The child was handed to her biological father and the rest of the members of her family.

3. Name: Isah Praise Omojo.

DOB: February 09, 2021

The arrival date was February 19, 2021.

The date he was handed to her family was March 25, 2023.

Village: Edede - Oganenigu, Dekina LGA, Kogi State.

Father's name: Isah Husseini.

Mother's name: Rekiyetu Zekeri.

The child was handed over to her father and other members of the family that brought her.



4. Name: Ebenezer Difference.

DOB: March 13, 2021.

Date of arrival: March 15, 2021.

Date the child was handed over was March 25, 2023.

Father's name: Difference Akpowomano.

Mother's name: Blessing Difference.

Village: Igside - Ole LGA, Delta State.

The child was born and brought from Bagana, Omala LGA, Kogi State.



MINISTRY OF MERCY FARMS

Cashew harvest from MOM farms. Our children have been helping in harvesting cashew nuts from our farm, and this has become a source of income for our daily bread and the provision of other essential needs of the home at this season.



Palm fruits harvest



Eggs from Our poultry farm.

Our layers chickens have started laying already. We are picking about six crates of eggs daily on average now.



Best Regards,

Alidu Monday, Sabo Yunusa, and Oluwatobi Oreh.

MOM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



A cross-section of the nursery classes writing their end-of-term exam on March 28, 2023



FCS (Fellowship of Christian Students) at MoM Christian Academy (MoMCA): Students meet for fellowship on the school compound every Friday after school hours.



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**. **Eight** women had **child deliveries virtually free of charge** within the month; **two** 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.



Olekwu OCHOYODA is a 30-year-old mother of 2 from 2 previous C-sections. The pregnancy period was essentially uneventful. Had elective C-Section on account of 2 previous surgical deliveries. Mother and baby doing well.



Happiness OLUWASEUN, a 32-year-old mother of 1 with a previous history of C-Section and myomectomy. The ANC period was essentially uneventful. She had a male neonate via elective C-Section. Mother and baby are doing well.



Yizofwo JOB, a 59-year-old mother of 5 who presented with excessive bleeding at term in her 5th pregnancy. Said to have been referred from a peripheral facility where Oxytocin induction was done. Based on the findings, a diagnosis of ruptured uterus keeping in view abruptio placenta was made. A decision was reached to go for an emergency C-Section. In theatre, 3 liters of hemoperitoneum was evacuated and a lifeless female fetus was extruded. She has recovered and she is doing well.



Grace DANLADI, is a 27-year-old in her 2nd pregnancy. The ANC period was essentially uneventful. She was a carrying twin with the leading twin in breech presentation hence she had elective C-Section. Mother and babies are doing well.



Blessing JOHN, 28-year-old presented in her 2nd pregnancy with features of Obstructed labor and fetal distress. Had an emergency C-Section that brought forth a severely asphyxiated male neonate. The baby made remarkable improvement following resuscitation. 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	16
Week 2	02	19
Week 3	06	21
Week 4	04	15
Total	16	71
Grand Total Number of Visits		87
Number of Deliveries		
C-Sections		02
Normal Deliveries		06
Total Births		08
Total number of laboratory tests done for free		42

Preventive Primary Health Care:

Immunizations (within the hospital)	
Number of children immunized	199
Number of doses received	392
Number of women immunized (tetanus toxoid)	12
Number of doses	12
Contraception:	
Women received contraceptives	04

GENERAL HEALTH CARE:

Here is a story for the month



Hauwa YAGUDA, a 9-year-old girl presented with severe abdominal pain, vomiting and loss of appetite. Ultrasound studies was suggestive of Perforated. intestinal viscus? Typhoid. However, findings in theatre include pus and adhesion. Adhesiolysis, peritoneal lavage and abdominal drainage was done. She is on bed recuperating.

REPORT FROM MoM Clinic Outlet in Otutulu Village:



One of our motherless children, Sarah suffered from severe diarrhea and vomiting, we tried managing her condition at our clinic in Otutulu for some days but was not improving. She was later referred to MOM Medical Centre Lokoja for further treatment.

General Health Statistics:

General out-patient department visits	Number
Old	148
New	060
Total	208
Ward admissions	13
Surgical procedures	08
Total no. who received drugs	179
Total number of laboratory tests done	441
Number of transfusions	15

THE GOSPEL

Gospel activities are ongoing in the Medical Center, targeted at patients and relatives. The activities are being coordinated by some of our medical staff. 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 every provision from HIM through various means.
2. Thank God for successful childbirth and other healthcare services achieved at the MoM Medical Center.
3. Please pray for **Dorathy Danladi Okwonu, Miracle Friday, Isah Praise Omojo** and **Ebenezer Difference** 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.
4. Pray for **Timeni Rai**, the new orphan admitted within the month, that God will raise him and provide for his physical and spiritual needs.
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.

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*