

IMPACT OF BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTRE SAKI
ON THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF
OKE-OGUN BAPTIST CONFERENCE

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ABSTRACT

The research on “The impact of Baptist Medical Centre, Saki on the Growth and Development of Oke-Ogun Baptist Conference, was conducted to examine the contributions the BMC had on the development and growth of village, town and churches in Oke-Ogun Baptist Conference. The method used to conduct the research was historical. Though the library, historical documents written about Saki, Oke-Ogun Baptist Conference were found useful. Further historical documents were found about the history of BMC from programs conducted in the past. Oral interviews were also conducted with a question guide into persons of ages between 40 and 80 years old who have had primary contact with the BMC and Oke-Ogun Baptist Conference either as a patient or Christian ministries. It was discovered that the BMC impact on the growth and expansion of the Oke-Ogun Baptist Conference is highly significant. Though the BMC, various hospital or different health centres were established in different towns. Other areas of significant, include ecological, and economy in providing impact can also be felt. The theological impact about the BMC can also be felt as many of their workers that received the call of God are been trained in some of the Baptist theological institutions. Moreover, many people have come to believe the Gospel Christianity by the encouragement they had at the BMC. The recommendations include, encouraging some retired medical personnel to come and serve at a volunteer level, providing more motivation for the patronage of the hospital from everywhere to boost the revenue generations, and the Oke-Ogun Conference to have annual budget for the hospital.

5.2 Conclusion

All that have had one contract or the other with the Baptist Medical Centre Saki within the Conference had very high opinion about all the services of the centre. The Medicare, the standard of the schools and the products from the schools were highly rated professionally.

All of them claimed that without the Baptist Medical Centre Saki Oke-Ogun Conference would have been facing significant difficulties medically and in the aspiration of their children who desired to be nurses, Medical laboratory Scientist and are now qualified ones.

They are all of opinion that the centre must be contained in their daily prayers since it is the only Baptist heritage within the Conference and has never failed in her responsibilities.

5.3 Recommendations

Having discovered the importance of the Centre to Oke-Ogun conference, the underlined recommendations are made.

- (a) The Nigerian Baptist Convention should make an annual subvention of not less than ₦20million to the centre for upgrading of facilities so that it could become a specialist hospital soonest.
- (b) The Oke-Ogun Conference should also have annual budget for the centre for the same purpose.
- (c) The State Government to be convinced that the centre is doing part of her major responsibilities to the citizens and should have budget for faith based health facilities annually.
- (d) Medical personnels who are Baptist to be encouraged to spend at least one third of their annual leave free of charge with the Centre.
- (e) Retired but not tired Medical Personnels to also come over to render free services for the centre.
- (f) All Baptists in Oke-Ogun to be encouraged to patronize the centre to boost revenue generation and development.