

## Hope for Moms

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Great is my excitement in sharing this story with all the brave and dedicated moms out there who care for babies with developmental delays.

Kelechi was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy (CP) at birth. Doctors suspected that there was a degree of brain damage, due to oxygen deprivation, at birth. Mom and dad refused to accept this diagnosis and did all in their power to strengthen Kelechi and help him develop.

By the time he got to me, he had already reached some of his milestones, but was far behind. Kelechi and parents left with lots of homework to be done - most importantly the BabyGym® massage. After many hours of very dedicated work on the part of the parents, I received an email from a very excited mom. Kelechi had progressed beautifully to the point where he could already sit unaided and became very busy physically. Controlled MOVEMENT is a very good sign!

A few days later I received another mail from Kelechi's mom. Attached is an excerpt of this mail: "Let me share what happened today. We went to Red Cross hospital for his normal checkups, the 4th doctor confirmed that Kelechi is definitely not a CP child and in fact he summarised Kelechi's overall medical record after reading it. He said the doctors are no longer sure what is the problem with Kelechi but he's definitely not CP. He took blood samples and tested them; we'll get the results next year March. He said we also need to do an MRI scan. He said he thinks the brain scan results were not accurate, there's a mistake somewhere because Kelechi doesn't act like CP and he shows no symptoms of someone who was deprived of oxygen at birth."

Soli Deo Gloria - All honour to Him!

We rejoice with Kelechi and his parents about the great news and renewed hopes for further improvements to come.

