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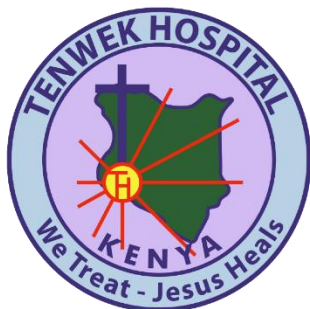
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Dear Friend of Tenwek,

Recently, Dr. Heath Many, director for the General Surgery Residency Program at Tenwek Hospital, compiled a “Where Are They Now?” list of the graduates of that program. He featured 14 graduates from the years 2012-2018. **The clinical and spiritual impact they are having at Tenwek and other mission hospitals throughout Kenya is awe-inspiring!**

Five of the residency graduates have returned to Tenwek. **Dr. Agneta Odera**, for example, graduated from the residency program in 2012. She practiced as a general surgeon and member of Tenwek’s teaching faculty and pursued further training in pediatric surgery in Durban, South Africa. She returned to Tenwek where she is now laying the foundation for a Cardiothoracic Fellowship.

The residency experiences these physicians embraced at Tenwek prompted at least eight of them to establish or participate in medical and surgical training programs at the hospitals where they serve. Three graduates, **Dr. Philip Blasto Ooko** (2015), **Drs. Kanyi Kabaiku** (2016) and **Dr. Valentine Mitei** (2017), serve at Litein Mission Hospital and are collaborating to launch a residency training program at the hospital in collaboration with the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS) and the College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA).

Imagine the similar impact that graduates of Tenwek’s orthopedics, cardiothoracic surgery, and family medicine residencies are making, as well as graduates of the nursing school and medical and clinical internship programs. And plans are underway to significantly expand the scope of Tenwek’s International School of Chaplaincy, which has graduated more than 200 students from 11 African nations since its founding in 1991.

This focus on equipping the next generation of physicians, nurses, and chaplains is what draws U.S. doctors to Tenwek for short-term medical mission visits – and what inspires donors to support Tenwek’s educational priorities.

The support FOT has provided to Tenwek since 2012 has included significant investments in the nursing program, housing and scholarships for residents, and the restructuring of the chaplaincy school. **In this issue of *Tenwek Today*, you will read about FOT’s renewed commitment to educate the next generation of Tenwek graduates through our growing network of visiting physicians and faithful donors.**

Thank you for your continuing interest and support for Tenwek Hospital through FOT. We are blessed to have faithful partners like you.

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