



# Global Health Lecture Series

## Sending Surgeons, Creating Surgeons: Capacity Building at Tenwek Hospital

featuring

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**Thursday, September 22**  
**Noon, ACB 150**

Since first visiting Nairobi as a high school student in 1995, Dr. John Fitzwater has been drawn to the people of Kenya. Starting as a medical student, then as a surgeon and public health student, he has continued to serve clinically at Tenwek Hospital in the highlands of western Kenya. Following graduation, he joined the faculty of the Department of Surgery at TTUHSC with a commitment to ongoing clinical and educational work at Tenwek in pediatric surgery via the [PAACS / CO-SECSA](#) accredited general surgery residency program.

Global medical needs are overwhelming and seemingly impossible to meet. Many give generously of both time and effort to mitigate the burden of disease in low and middle income countries (LMIC), but what is the impact? The goal of this brief presentation is to provide a snapshot of how one organization and one hospital, in one region of one country is striving to meet greater need across one amazing continent.

To learn more about Dr. Fitzwater's work in Kenya, please visit the [Tenwek Hospital](#) and [Samaritan's Purse](#) websites.

This event is free & open to the public. Free lunch will be provided to the first 50 attendees. No RSVP is necessary.

**To reserve your lunch, please bring two coloring books to the Office of Global Health (2B410) by Wednesday, September 21.**

For more information about the Global Health Lecture Series, contact the Office of Global Health at 806-743-2901 or [globalhealth@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:globalhealth@ttuhsc.edu). Persons needing assistance should contact the Office of Global Health for arrangements.