



30 Voices for 30 Years

For thirty years, God has been shaping surgeons and related specialists, strengthening hospitals, and bringing healing to patients across Africa. As the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS) celebrates thirty years of God's faithfulness, this special collection shares the voices of graduates whose lives and ministries reflect the heart of PAACS. Throughout their stories, several themes emerge: formation through intentional training and discipleship, transformation as physicians grow into skilled Christian surgeons and related specialists, placement in areas of great need, and multiplication as PAACS graduates invest in the next generation. Together, these testimonies reveal how God is faithfully raising up surgeons and related specialists to serve the poor and the suffering while sharing the hope of Christ.



Dr. Elijah Mwaura Chege
Tenwek 2014 Graduate
PCEA Chogoria Hospital,
Kenya

PAACS grounded me in my faith in Christ. It taught me that work is service to God, and that we are meant to live and grow in community.



Dr. Efeson Thomas
Soddo 2017 Graduate
MCM Comprehensive
Specialized Hospital, Ethiopia

PAACS helped me understand that surgery is not only a career but also a ministry. Serving the poor and addressing their holistic needs is true worship.



Dr. Emmanuel Ikwutah
Galmi 2024 Graduate
CEML, Lubango

PAACS equipped me with knowledge and skills, but more than that, it disciplined me to reflect the image of Christ wherever I find myself. It placed me in a family of believers where I am known, cared for, and shaped.



Dr. Wycklife Ooko Owuor
Litein 2024 Graduate
Cedar Hospital, Kenya

What once seemed impossible, becoming a surgeon, God made possible through PAACS. It was a well-rounded training. I grew in skill, but I also grew deeply in faith through Bible study and prayer.



Dr. Josephat Mburu
Tenwek 2024 Graduate
Tenwek Hospital, Kenya

The mentorship I received is priceless. The spiritual curriculum built my character and strengthened my faith. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have been trained through PAACS.



Dr. Peter Mukisa
Kijabe 2024 Graduate
CURE Kenya, Kenya

With PAACS, I developed into a more Christ-centered surgeon. I now see my profession as an instrument for God to bring healing and salvation. My life and career belong to Him.



Dr. Violet Otoki
Tenwek 2024 Graduate
Tenwek Hospital, Kenya

Incorporating faith and healthcare has kept me grounded, reminding me that my knowledge is a gift from God, and it is to Him I owe all my work.



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Dr. Faya Bomde Yaradouno
Bongolo 2010 Graduate
Hope Medical Center, Guinea

PAACS helped me realize my dream of becoming a doctor specializing in general surgery. Even more importantly, it shaped me to be a disciple of Jesus, serving the sick with compassion and dedication.

Transformation

Where skill meets surrender.
Where excellence meets
compassion.



Dr. Benjamin Malikidogo
Mbingo 2016 Graduate
ECWA Hospital Egbe, Nigeria

PAACS transformed my life and practice. It taught me to see every patient as an opportunity to share God's love. Christ-centered training sets PAACS surgeons apart.



Dr. Samuel Fabiano
Bongolo 2019 Graduate
CEML Hospital, Angola

In moments of terminal illness, I'm reminded to treat the whole person. It is a joy to pray with patients and watch how God works even in hard times.



Dr. Ogonnaya Ifeanyi Chukwu
Kijabe 2022 Graduate
Waterloo Adventist Hospital, Sierra Leone

Offering quality and compassionate care to patients is of significant importance and creates a profound impact in the lives of those we serve. This is exactly how PAACS has influenced my life and shaped my career, forming not only the way I practice surgery, but also the way I see and value each patient. I am grateful to serve in this manner, striving to provide care that reflects both excellence and Christ-centered compassion. There is deep satisfaction in hearing a patient say, I am thankful to God for using you to save my life.



Dr. Noel Ndayisenge
Galmi 2022 Graduate
SDA Cooper Hospital, Liberia

My practice is rooted in Christ. PAACS taught me compassionate care and how to share in my patients' suffering.



Dr. Ayenew Gaye
Soddo 2024 Graduate
ELWA Hospital, Liberia

PAACS helped me realize that patients' needs are not only surgical but also spiritual. I received surgical training that combines excellence with humility.



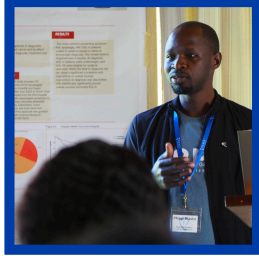
Dr. Faraja Magwesela
Arusha 2024 Graduate
Nkinga Referral Hospital,
Tanzania

PAACS helped me understand that surgery is not just a skill, but a ministry. We treat the body, and we also minister to the heart.



Dr. Rumbidzai Mlewah
Malamulo 2024 Graduate
Tenwek Mission Hospital,
Kenya

PAACS has shown me God's hand in my work, where each task is an encounter with Christ, accomplishing more through me than I could alone.



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Dr. Fuka Bananga Domain
Bongolo 2007 Graduate
Centre Hospitalier Elikya, DR Congo

I served seven months at the provincial hospital in Buta, Northern DR Congo, as the only surgeon for nearly 1.5

million people. Despite great needs and limited equipment, the Lord gave us peace.



Placement

**Sent to the underserved.
Serving where hope once
traveled too far.**



Dr. Gerald Ekwen
Mbingo 2013 Graduate
J.J. Dossen Memorial Hospital, Liberia

I thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for leading me to PAACS. I am grateful for the God-fearing mentors and faculty who dedicated their lives to create "Surgeons for Christ." Their teaching, compassion, and commitment to surgical care has left an indelible mark on my life. PAACS training was an invaluable resource and has equipped me with skills perfectly suited to serve in rural

hospitals in Africa. PAACS made me the general surgeon Africa needs.



Dr. Mark Waithaka Mwangi
Kijabe 2016 Graduate
AIC Kijabe Hospital,
Kenya

There are only 41 plastic surgeons in Kenya for over 53 million people. PAACS equipped me to teach and

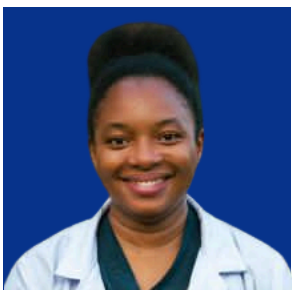
pursue reconstructive surgery in an area of great need.



Dr. Steve Kasereka Kyota
Mbingo 2017 Graduate
Queen Mamohato
Memorial Hospital,
Lesotho

We are fully qualified surgeons, ready for challenging cases, even

when working alone in remote settings. We can help surgically and spiritually.



Dr. Etta Constance Ndum
Malamulo 2020 Graduate
AIC Kijabe Hospital, Kenya

PAACS gave me the opportunity to train as a general and plastic surgeon. Being trained as a Christian surgeon

reminds me to value patients deeply.



Dr. Sadock Irankunda
Galmi 2023 Graduate
Kibuye Hope Hospital,
Burundi

PAACS gave me excellent training. Now I am back in my country, serving and treating patients in rural areas while

also training other residents.



Dr. Gracious Sankhulani
Malamulo 2024 Graduate
Ekwendeni Mission Hospital,
Malawi

PAACS trained me to thrive in under-resourced environments and to reach the geographically and

economically hard-to-reach.



Dr. Yonas Ademe Teferi
Tenwek 2024 Graduate
Tenwek Hospital, Kenya

I achieved my childhood dream of becoming a cardiothoracic surgeon and experienced deep spiritual growth during

my fellowship.



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Dr. Jerry Fahnloe Brown
Mbingo 2012 Graduate
Absolute Health Care Center,
Liberia

PAACS taught me to depend on the Lord while caring for patients and serving as His instrument. It also prepared

me to help train and support junior colleagues in their work.



Multiplication

From being mentored ...
to mentoring others.
From impact ... to legacy.



Dr. Philip Blasto
Tenwek 2015 Graduate
AIC Litein Hospital, Kenya

PAACS gave me a passion for patient care, teaching residents, and showing the love of Christ.



Dr. John Kanyi Kabaiku
Tenwek 2016 Graduate
AIC Litein Hospital, Kenya

PAACS gave me mentors who modeled servant leadership and instilled in me the joy of discipling others. I am truly grateful

to serve with both hands and heart.



Dr. Mabanza Kibuka Tresor
Mbingo 2020 Graduate
JFK Medical Center, Liberia

PAACS has helped me unite my calling as a Christian and a surgeon, bringing Christ-centered values into every decision. It has also prepared

me to lead and mentor through example.



Dr. Gady Barutwanayo
Kijabe 2023 Graduate
Pope Benedict XVI
Catholic Hospital, Kenya

Because of who PAACS shaped me to be, my hospital now benchmarks compassionate care after

what they see practiced through me.



Dr. Jacques Fadhili Bake
Soddo 2022 Graduate
HEAL Africa, DR Congo

PAACS has profoundly impacted my life by providing me with exceptional surgical training and instilling a sense of discipline that has shaped my professional journey. PAACS has enabled me to train aspiring surgeons in my country, fulfilling a long-held dream from my own time in training. Beyond technical skills, I have been able to mentor these future surgeons in both

their surgical practice and personal growth, often sharing the words of God as part of our journey together.



Dr. Matekeya Hicks Green
Tenwek 2024 Graduate
Tenwek Hospital, Kenya

PAACS reaffirmed my calling to serve Christ and meet the needs of the most underserved. I remain committed to carrying

forward its vision of healing and hope.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16