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## **GW PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL MEDICINE RECEIVES HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM *GEORGE* MAGAZINE**

**NEW YORK** --Glenn Geelhoed, MD, MPH, PhD, professor of International Medicine was recently named "Humanitarian of the Year" by *George* magazine at a ceremony in New York on September 28. Dr. Geelhoed joined Michael J. Fox and Fred Rogers, host of Mr. Roger's Neighborhood, as well as four others in being selected as "Citizens of the Year" at the first annual "George Awards," celebrating the fifth anniversary of *George* Magazine and its founder, the late John F. Kennedy, Jr.

Since 1966, Dr. Geelhoed has spent from three to six months of every year acting as a medical missionary—serving the neediest of people and training them to continue in his absence. "I'm an American; I've been on the receiving end of a whole lot of advantages and have not even paid back the interest," said Geelhoed. "I'm grateful to *George* magazine for the platform to call attention to the larger, needier world often neglected as beyond our conscious horizon."

"Dr. Geelhoed was selected as one of the seven recipients of the George Award because he embodies the ideal of being a 'citizen first.' He has unselfishly dedicated himself to improving healthcare throughout the world through contributions of time, talent and courage," commented Frank Lalli, editor-in-chief, *George* magazine.

Dr. Geelhoed is a widely published author accredited with several books, most recently, "Out of Assa: Heart of the Congo," as well as over 500 published journal articles and book chapters. His forthcoming book, "Surgery and Healing in the Developing World," will be released this October at the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress in the hopes of encouraging and preparing others to serve the greater global patient population.

"This award is surely far better deserved by those unsung heroes around the world who are struggling to do more with less," Geelhoed remarked. "They face daily a global burden of disease and loss of precious human potential."

Dr. Geelhoed received his M.D. from the University of Michigan and was an intern and resident at Harvard Medical School. Additional credentials include MPH and MA degrees from The George Washington University and a DTMH degree from The University of London. Dr. Geelhoed has been a faculty member of The George Washington University Medical Center since 1975.

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