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## East Africa 2011

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**From Ted:** Health capacity and board development training continued with a trip to the East Africa Annual Conference. Here, Bishop Daniel Wandabula is responsible for Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, South Sudan, Burundi, and Kenya. Returning to this part of Africa was special for me. It had been several years since my last visit. Then, Bishop Wandabula was District Superintendent of Uganda and the yet to be newly independent country of South Sudan. Bishop Wandabula and I had traveled many miles together, some in vehicles, and a some in a small airplane. We have shared many rewarding moments together. There was the block training that took place early in our relationship where the Humble School now provides a refuge to so many children, and there was even a visit to South Sudan to officially register the United Methodist Church. Yes, there has been many changes, and yet, the warmth of the people in this part of Africa made it seem as though I had only left yesterday.



Under the leadership of Bishop Daniel Wandabula, three new health boards were created to serve the East Africa Annual Conference. In July 2011, I facilitated the training of these boards. Each of the health boards now have country specific strategic plans, and are moving forward to enact policies and procedures necessary to meet the needs of their own country.



Uganda Health Board affirming their roles and responsibilities as Board Members.

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Ted (in red shirt) with interpreter facilitating health board training in Kenya.



During a special visit by Bishop Wandabula to Kenya Communion was served. Here, children partake along with the adults.



A person with HIV/AIDS shares her story of pain, suffering, and hope with visitors and her peers.

Through strong community and personal support, these people have found hope and a future through the Kenya UMC Clinic.

Many of her friends around her wore shirts that read " I know my HIV status, What about you?"



Kenyan Orphans and Children waiting for their parents to return from work are equally pleased with the cookies received by their District Superintendent.

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At one of the Rwanda Museums, I encountered walls of hanging photos of still unaccounted for victims of the genocide that took place in 1994.



The United Methodist HUMBLE School and Orphanage begins work on a new Girls dorm. The orphanage has nearly 200 children living at this Uganda facility. With over 300 attending school daily, it has come a long way since I taught our Uganda brothers (and one sister) to build and manufacture the blocks that the school was built with. The structure above will add quality living space for the young girls who will live here.



Ted Warnock with Reverend Fred Dearing from the Holston Conference is the new UMC District Superintendent in the new country of South Sudan. We are planning for a health board training program in the near future. Seven years ago, Ted and District Superintendent Wandabula registered the UMC in South Sudan.