

# PROFILE



## **DR. RICHARD ALLEN KENYA**

Rick is presently assigned to work with the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) as a community health physician. He brings a wealth of experience to his primary role of addressing the concerns of the PCEA with respect to HIV/AIDS prevention.

Rick's overseas involvement with the Presbyterian Church in Canada dates back to 1974 when he spent three months as a medical student at the Jobat Christian Hospital in India. In 1977 he applied for a regular appointment and spent a short period in Nigeria as a general practitioner in a rural hospital before being assigned to work with the United Mission to Nepal in 1978. There he worked primarily in community health focusing on preventive and low-cost curative health services.

He returned to Canada in 1983 and after completing a Master of Public Health degree, was assigned to work in Pakistan. The focus of his work continued to be community health, especially in the area of maternal-child health and sanitation. When Rick returned to Canada in 1989 he became the Acting Director of the Presbyterian World Service and Development for one year. Following this, he worked with the government as a Medical Officer of Health in the Northwest Territories. In 1995 he again applied to the Presbyterian Church in Canada and took up his present position in Kenya.

Rick was born in Toronto but grew up in Sarnia, Ontario. He attended the University of Western Ontario and graduated in 1975. He is a member of Laurel Lea - St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Sarnia.