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It is with sadness that the School of Physiotherapy conveys the news of the passing of former Dalhousie professor and colleague, Kenneth Hill. Dr. Hill passed away, Sunday, December 17, in Salmon Arm, BC.

Born in Watford, England, Kenneth Hill studied in London, England and practiced physiotherapy in various locations throughout the country before lecturing in physiotherapy at the Royal Hospital in Wolverhampton. In 1967, he emigrated to Canada with his family to become the second professor of Dalhousie's School of Physiotherapy.

Professor Hill's involvement during the early developing stages of the School was instrumental in its success. He inspired a generation of students throughout his 22 years at Dalhousie. One student accounts, "His love of learning...turned a career of physiotherapy into a calling as he passed the torch to class after class."

In 1989, the year of his retirement from Dalhousie, Professor Hill won the Enid Graham Memorial Award, the Canadian Physiotherapy Association's highest honour.

Following retirement, Kenneth Hill volunteered with the Adventist Development Relief Association (ADRA) and A Better World Canada to develop rehabilitation services for children with polio in rural Kenya. His tireless work in this area produced a self-contained, self-sustaining rehabilitation program that has changed the lives of many children and youth in the Kendu Bay region of Kenya. For his life's work as an extraordinary physiotherapist, educator and volunteer, and for his pioneering humanitarian efforts, Kenneth Hill was awarded an honorary doctoral degree from Dalhousie University in 2002.

It is often said, "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." Those who knew Kenneth Hill would agree that his life embodied this aphorism.

The School of Physiotherapy extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Dr. Kenneth Hill.

Donations may be made in his honor to the Ken Hill Memorial Fund at *A Better World Canada* (www.abwcanada.ca).