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## BRIEFLY ABOUT THE AUTHOR

The Author has been a Surgeon (specifically, a Paediatric Surgeon) and a Writer for many years, in addition to his academic and administrative responsibilities in a number of university institutions in Tanzania, including Muhimbili (Dar es Salaam) and Bugando (Mwanza). Such a combination of roles may be rare, but there is at least one other Surgeon in a neighbouring East African country, who is a well-known colleague of the Author, and who has been an even more prolific 'Surgeon-Writer'!

Perhaps what may be unique to this Author is that three of the six Special Positions he has held were in the 'post-retirement' period. Likewise, two of his five Special Activities (which include the first successful separation of Conjoined Twins in Tanzania in 1994) have also occurred in the same period. Furthermore, all his seven Special Honours have been conferred on him during that same period, including that of being an Honorary Member of "ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA", the national honor medical society of the United States and Canada, in 2006. A truly remarkable feat indeed!

As with his other accomplishments, the Author seems to have also thoroughly enjoyed both his surgical career and his Writing 'hobby', since days gone by!



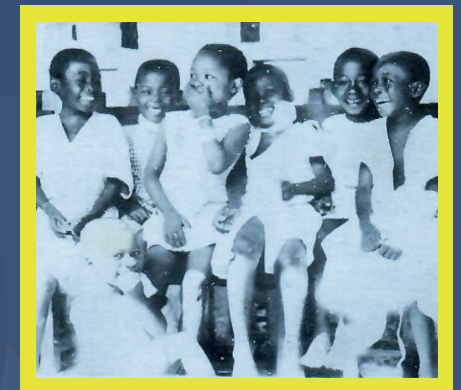
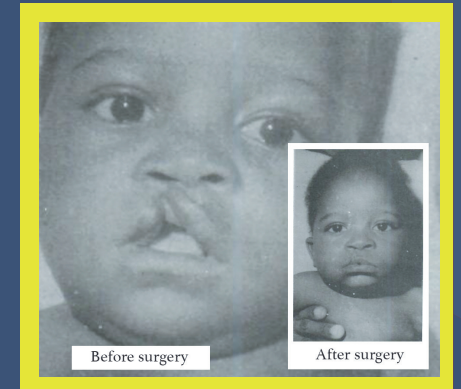
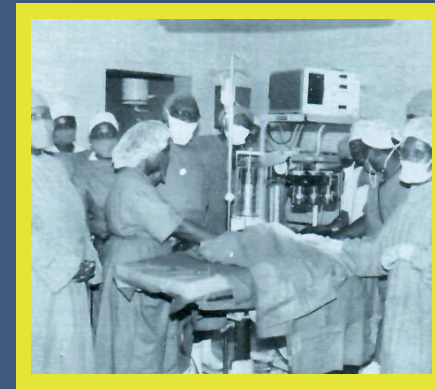
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