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*Ndugu Wapendwa,*

Dear Friends,

One of the things that most excites me about our school is our situation: We are located on 500 acres of arable land. Because we are so located, we intend to have agricultural projects – with at least two goals in mind: (1) To be as self-sufficient as possible, (2) To provide our students with a basic foundation in agriculture, which will be an important academic program at St. Peter Claver High School and at the vocational training institute which we plan to open in the coming years.

The irony of course, is that we need a boost in these initial years. Due to the generosity of a number of people, we will soon have facilities for keeping animals, starting with a piggery. (Believe me, two years ago I would never imagine that I'd be writing the word piggery!) We'll also have a small dairy herd to provide milk for ourselves and for sale, rabbits, laying hens, and goats (whose meat should be part of the American diet – it is very nice indeed!).

One of the issues here is the lack of proper plans for breeding. We hope to introduce animals that will provide some new genes to the local populations, so your gift will have a multiplying effect in a number of ways (least among these ways is the rabbit way!).

I can't end this letter to my friends and family in Toledo without thanking you again for last year's kindness. Though our library building is not yet complete, our books are available in a temporary facility - an unused classroom.

They love the books! Let me put it this way: Having to tell students to put novels away at the dinner table is a good problem to have. Thanks again for helping us develop a reading culture among our students.

Whatever you can do this year on our behalf will be very appreciated and put to good use. You are all most welcome to come to TZ to see what's happening!

*Karibuni nyote!*

Fr. Martin Connell, S.J.