Archbishop Janani Luwum Theological College June 2025.

Dear friends,

Praise God. We hope that you are well, and that there is enough rain to help the gardens, without undue flooding. What a difficult year it has been. We have been watching the new Clarkson’s Farm, really to see how he does with his pigs, as we struggle with ours. One sow produced ten recently, and within two days they had all died. The mother wasn’t very well, but is recovering now, and we hope for better next time. Otherwise the ‘teenagers’ are appreciating being free range within and occasionally beyond the college boundaries.

We are still appreciating the registration of the college, and have found that the next hurdle is the Gazetting, which seems to be the government rubber stamp of the National Council’s Decision. We know that God will provide the 5 million Uganda Shillings that this stamp requires. It is still too early to know how this will help our current students, but negotiations are underway so that we don’t have to migrate to Arua for exams. Please pray for these to be gracious (I, Sarah, am a little inclined to ungracious impatience without help from God!)

Simon is still digging holes for coffee. Sometimes it looks as though some coffee seedlings are within the bounds of possibilities, but then another hurdle appears and time goes on towards the next dry season, however he is able to plant the banana suckers, which will provide shade, and to get estimates for the irrigation system all of which will make the dry season easier to manage.

The main excitement on our minds is the wedding of our second born, Elizabeth, to Jack planned for June 28th in Claverley, Shropshire – Simon’s first parish, where Elizabeth was born and grew up. We are delighted to be gathering with family and enjoying old haunts during that weekend. Please pray that our travelling is smooth and safe and that the family relationships are enjoyable during this exciting and busy time.

In college the first years have settled in well. The Minister for Social Affairs has organised weekly football matches internal to college which provide exercise and entertainment on Tuesday afternoons. Unfortunately injuries also occur, but the health centre is well placed at the top of the football pitch! I am really enjoying teaching the writings of Luke (Luke and Acts) to year 2 and the non Pauline Epistles to Year 3. We also enjoy an informal evening Bible Study twice a week on Leviticus (their choice, not mine). You would be surprised what an interesting book this has become with a great deal of help from a commentary by the late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.

Simon, in between farming exertions, is teaching his business and stewardship course to the third years, which always produces some good experiments in entrepreneurship.

Please pray for us as we continue to negotiate the bureaucracy; for good relationships with the community who work in the Diocesan Garden, and for peaceable living in the college as term progresses. We are looking forward to a visit next week from the Langham preaching course to present Part two – ‘Preaching from the Old Testament.’

May God bless you as you enter the summer and the long Trinity Season of rejoicing in Jesus’ life and ministry.

Love and thanks from

Simon and Sarah