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———— Weekly Reflection ————

From **Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front** (Wendell Berry)



Ask the questions that have no answers.
Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias.
Say that your main crop is the forest
that you did not plant,
that you will not live to harvest.

Say that the leaves are harvested
when they have rotted into the mold.
Call that profit. Prophecy such returns.
Put your faith in the two inches of humus
that will build under the trees every
thousand years.

Listen to carrion -- put your ear
close, and hear the faint chattering
of the songs that are to come.
Expect the end of the world. Laugh.
Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful
though you have considered all the facts.
So long as women do not go cheap
for power, please women more than men.

Ask yourself: Will this satisfy
a woman satisfied to bear a child?
Will this disturb the sleep
of a woman near to giving birth?

Go with your love to the fields.
Lie down in the shade. Rest your head
in her lap. Swear allegiance
to what is nighest your thoughts.

As soon as the generals and the politicians
can predict the motions of your mind,
lose it. Leave it as a sign
to mark the false trail, the way
you didn't go.

Be like the fox
who makes more tracks than necessary,
some in the wrong direction.
Practice resurrection.





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TO ALL OUR READERS - apologies for the brevity of this week's newsletter. Perhaps the Editor's absence has led to a crisis of confidence in the Acting Editor? Maybe the contributors sent their material to George's email address, and not to the Acting Editor? In any case, you will have more time to re-read the reflection and ponder... We wish you a good week, and promise a bumper edition next week!

BROTHER BEAUSANG-CTIE PARTNERSHIP SIGNED

On Friday July 17, Brother Beausang Catholic Education Centre and Christ the Teacher Institute for Education (CTIE) at Tangaza College formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding that will assist present and past students of the school in being able to access both degree and diploma courses at CTIE.

The MOU means both institutions have committed to providing financial support to needy students who qualify for CTIE courses, but may find it difficult to raise the necessary fees. These students will be supported through the school's tertiary sponsorship program and will receive a significant subsidy from CTIE as well as administrative support in obtaining the HELB loan.

Already three graduates from the 2013 KCSE class have commenced their studies at CTIE – an opportunity they never imagined until Simon Kaswahili contacted them in August following the first meetings between Brother Beausang and CTIE.



The official signing ceremony involved Br. Tom Kearney, Chairperson of the CTIE Board of Directors, Sr. Jane Gikonyo, the Acting Director of CTIE, and Peter Shanahan and Br. Simon Kaswahili from the school.





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This partnership reflects the commitment of both the school and CTIE to their common mission of transforming the lives of the needy and marginalized through education.

This was a very significant and exciting day for Brother Beausang (and CTIE!).

Peter Shanahan

CALENDAR

Oct. 30 – 31	Formation Committee Meeting - Nairobi
Oct. 31 – Nov. 1	Community Leaders Meeting (Friday supper and Saturday)
Nov. 29	First Profession (Tamale)
Dec. 6	Welcome and missioning for newly professed (Nairobi)
Dec 12 - 15	District Assembly
Dec. 16-18	DLT review and planning days

REMAINING OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS *(some big ones here!)*

23	TONY SHANAHAN (South C)
23	WYCLIFFE MAISIBA (Balozi)
26	SIMON KASWAHILI (Embulbul)
31	TIM LOCKWOOD (Otiende)

