

Dear friends,

A Great year is coming to an end!

There are now about 7 billion people scattered around the globe and only about 2 billion are Christian. What faiths or religions do the rest belong to? When I attended the Global Sikh Consultation in Edmonton organized by the Lausanne Committee mid-October this year, I learned that there are over 5 Million Sikhs scattered around the globe originally from India and Pakistan. Then it became apparent that in the last decade we have had over 2 million Chinese migrating to Africa. Kenya has about 30,000 Chinese people with most of them living in Nairobi. There are millions of people already scattered from different nations which should cause a desire for and pose a challenge to Christians everywhere. How do we reach them? Where do we begin?

The word **Diaspora** did not mean much to me until the challenge to reach the Sikhs was brought up at the consultation. Then I realized that reaching out and working among the South Asians was in fact a ministry among the Indians in Diaspora. It does not matter how they came to Kenya but the majority of them came in the turn of the century to work on the railway and then in business. Diaspora is therefore a new

Merry Christmas

from the Muutuki family!

December 2019

NAIROBI, KENYA

biblical framework and a call to rethink the way we do Christian ministry in our part of the world.

In addition to working among the **South** Asians in Nairobi,

we have now intentionally added the Sikhs on our list as well as the Chinese



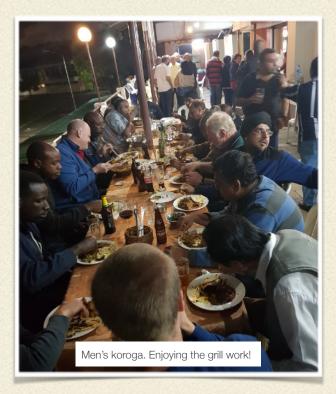
At the conference, Narinder and I became friends. He is a pastor in India.

as distinct groups. There is no way we can ignore these huge unreached populations of people whom God has brought not only to Kenya but also next door in our neighbourhoods or barber shops or even shops and shopping malls. This is a new phenomenon. If we do not reach them now, who will? They are scattered and lost without Jesus.



While in Edmonton, Edward Heiber and I went to a Sikh shopping mall

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For the first time in our men's *koroga* or grill this December we had a Chinese attending and few Sikhs. God is already doing great things and we are excited to see what he has for us in 2020. We are thankful you have been part of this entire process in one or the other way, either in prayer, thoughts or financial support to make it happen. Elfi and I are very grateful to you.

Pray to the Lord of the harvest that he sends more workers our way. If you do not have anyone in mind to recommend, you can always give to enable us hire more workers.

We are enclosing few pictures as you follow our ministry activities. We hosted a Presbytery meeting too in our house this year! Since we do not have a building of our own they said as our Church was hosting it we should meet in our house.

We wish you Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2020.

Thank you so much for your partnership in prayers and financial support.

With much love from both of us,

Joe and Elfi

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God loved the people of this world so much that He gve His only Son, so that everyone who has faith in Him will not die but have eternal life. John 3:16



