



***“Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the East and from the West and from the North and from South”*** Psalm 107:1-3.

Dear friends,

Elfi and I greet you with this Psalm today. We are thankful to God in so many ways this year. God’s redeeming power of helpless and sinful people from diverse backgrounds like us, still causes us to marvel each day in our lives.

Recently we had our version of “men’s *koroga*” or cooking with few members of our Church. This Indian cookout and feasting together helps strengthen our relationships. As you celebrate this Thanksgiving in other parts of the world and specifically to our American family and friends, we are reminded of God’s amazing love that gathers us from all from all four corners of the globe as his redeemed.

This is how we prepare the ingredients before the cooking:



The *koroga* itself takes place in a huge pan as you see here



Then the tasting and eating together. Elfi was given the honor to do the tasting:



The occasion for our get together was to watch the international cricket World Cup. It was Australia against India and yes, we were surrounded by many Indians and initiated conversations with some. We are invited by an American church member family, Erick and Kimberly Apel to celebrate this Thanksgiving with them and we are very grateful.

We thank God for *each of you* and we value your friendship and relationship over the years.

May God bless you as you look back and reflect on God's goodness and love for yourself.

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