Dear Pastor,

Greetings!

I do hope that you and your all family members will be fine.

Please answer me.

As you know we are living in Muslim country and Muslims send meat in our homes according to the bible can we eat the meat of animals of the Muslims sacrifice? I do hope according to bible you will answer me in your earliest convenience.

God bless you!

Thanks.

Dear Brother,

You asked about eating the meat which was given to you from those who sacrifice them to idols, I looked up the scriptures which covered this topic and will answer you with the word of the Lord:

I CORINTHIANS 8:7-13

- 7 ¶ Howbeit [there is] not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat [it] as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.
- 8 But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.
- 9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.
- 10 For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;
- 11 And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?
- 12 But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.
- Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

Corinthians said that to eat meat or not is not the problem because it does not mean anything to God, but may can be stumbled by your actions. We might be able to eat the meat because we are in need to eat so that we do not perish, however, it is not something that you want to share with a weak brother for he cannot balance the truth of what is really clean and unclean. We are not under the law, so nothing is unclean in itself unless we esteem it as unclean:

ROMANS 14:13

- Let us not therefore judge one another anymore: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in [his] brother's way.
- 14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that [there is] nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him [it is] unclean.
- But if thy brother be grieved with [thy] meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.
- 16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of:

- 17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.
- 18 For he that in these things serveth Christ [is] acceptable to God, and approved of men.
- 19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.
- For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed [are] pure; but [it is] evil for that man who eateth with offence.
- 21 [It is] good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor [any thing] whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.
- Hast thou faith? have [it] to thyself before God. Happy [is] he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.
- And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because [he eateth] not of faith: for whatsoever [is] not of faith is sin.

Romans 14 tells us that nothing is unclean of itself and that we can not stop the work of God by eating or not eating meat. It just causes our brother to have a problem, because he is carnal and can not see that nothing can stop the program of God. It is not good to do anything that causes our brother to stumble, so you may have to not let your brother know what you are doing knowing that he is weak in that area. It is faith that God is looking for.

Our revelation should keep us from being condemned with the things that we allow. If we have faith to believe God even when we eat the meat, then we will be ok.

I hope that answer helps.