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Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2005 09:43:27 -0500
Subject: Re: MB Global History Question Template

Thanks, Bruce. I agree that the questions should be very helpful.
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In our last meeting, I was given the assignment of compiling a list of questions that we might use in creating a thematic template for prospective writers. Here's the first draft--please continue to add questions and comments:

1. Describe briefly the origins of your national conference and some of the early national leaders.
2. Describe briefly some of the highlights in the development of your national church body that are particularly worthy of celebration. Are there stories that are particularly important or poignant to tell? How are decisions made, differences resolved, resources shared? What have been the most prominent priorities in the historical development of your national church body?
3. What have been some of the distinctive issues and challenges that your national body has had to face within its cultural context?
4. Describe the central theological affirmations and emphases within your national body. What have been the most significant theological challenges or encounters faced by your national church (for example, social response to caste system, nationalism, polygamy, religious pluralism, etc.) How has, or does, the Anabaptist/Mennonite identity of the Mennonite Brethren church influenced your response to these challenges or discussions?
5. What resources does your national church have, or what experience has it gained, that might be of value to share, as a gift, with the global Mennonite Brethren church community?
6. Describe the historical and current relationships with other Mennonite Brethren conferences. How significant have these relationships been in the past, and continue to be?
7. What are some of the current priorities of your national body, and what do you see as some of the most significant future challenges?

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>>> "MBG-Heepen" <mbg.heepen@online.de> 6/27/2005 7:03:39 AM >>>
Dear Br. Dueck,

as representatives from BTG we will have our board meeting on June 30th. We will discuss and assign a person who will work on this project, collecting information etc. I will send you his/her address soon.

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-----Ursprüngliche Nachricht-----
Von: Abe Dueck [mailto:ajdueck@mbconf.ca]
Gesendet: Donnerstag, 23. Juni 2005 20:02
An: mbg.heepen@online.de; Alex.Neufeld@web.de
Betreff: MB History Project

Dear Br. Klassen and Br. Neufeld,
Ich hoffe Sie verstehen das Folgende in English. Wenn nicht, werde ich versuchen es in Deutsch zu ueberzetzen.

Warmest Christian greetings! I hope you are well.
Through your association with ICOMB you are aware of the sequence of events related to the project that our Historical Commission has been asked to undertake. David Wiebe reported at your recent meetings in Japan. Since then our editorial committee has had a lengthy telephone conversation. We are trying to move ahead as rapidly as possible on various fronts, including soliciting writers from the various regions.
We would like to have a general survey from each of the regions as well as photos and side bars which might focus on particular events or personalities. Our committee would like to ask each of you whether you would be willing to write something on the Germany story or to suggest other names if you are not willing or able. If you are willing, we can talk about more of the details later. You may also suggest others who could contribute short stories for side bars. Your early response would be much appreciated.
Regards, Abe

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Date: Sat, 09 Jul 2005 08:53:48 -0700
Subject: Re: Fwd: Re: MBHistory volume

Dear Colleagues,

I am glad that we are sharing ideas and making some progress in our project. Let me suggest that we continue to move ahead on several fronts, e.g.,

1. Identifying writers

We are moving ahead on some major countries, such as Canada, United States, Congo. Paul (and others), can you make specific suggestions for India? Abe, I see you have a number of suggestions concerning Latin America. I hope you can gather information specific enough to make recommendations.

2. Length of articles

We had agreed to ask for about 15 pages of text. Perhaps we should regard this as a general guideline. Not all countries should have an equal number of pages, e.g., compare Germany and Spain, or Congo and Angola. Perhaps we should concentrate on major centers of MB membership, then work on smaller centers.

3. Overview

Abe, would you be willing to keep a "running count" of where we are in terms of identifying writers? I think it would be great if we could have major centers covered soon.

4. Lead writers

We have agreed to have two writers per country. Would it make sense to think in terms of finding one person to do a draft, then ask the second writer to review and edit the text? I think asking both to write simultaneously might be counterproductive.

5. Maintaining ties with ICOMB

After we have most writers identified, do we need to check with ICOMB, or are we doing enough of that as we proceed? I think it might be good to have on record a statement from each country's ICOMB member endorsing our selected writers. Since we are expecting ICOMB to underwrite our project, we need to be sure to make them feel part of the endeavour.

6. List of Countries

It would be very useful to draw up a list of countries to be covered.

In some cases, further refinement may be necessary, e.g., German or Spanish speaking churches in Paraguay.

Also, we need to decide how many countries should be given 15-page coverage (approximately) and which ones should be given lesser coverage. Also, should some countries be considered less by political boundaries than by church ties, e.g., Germany and Austria?

Abe, could we ask you to coordinate these issues, and keep us informed?

Thanks to all, and greetings with the inscription over the Golden Gate in Gdansk: "Es muesse wohl gehen denen die dich lieben," only in our case I suggest the reference is the MB Church, not Jerusalem.

Peter

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>>> Gerald & Shirley <gsfalk@sasktel.net> 7/8/2005 9:48:06 AM >>>

Dear Abe

Last year the Mennonite World Conference sent Jaime Prieto from Costa Rica

to Peru. He travelled extensively with his tape recorder, note pad and

camera, interviewing many of our church leaders and members, I personally

made copies of some of our historical documents. His part on the Mennonites

in Latin America was to be finished this year, and I believe that the MWC

book on Mennonites in the world is to be completed by 2007.

The other source of information would be Rolando Neyra, MB conference

president, his grad thesis for IBA(inst.biblico Asuncion, Paraguay) was the

history of the MB church in Peru. You can write to him in english, he is

quite fluent. His address is: hmenoperu@terra.com.pe

I hope that this will help you.

Sincerely Gerald Falk

p.s. I don't have the address for the MWC, but I figured that you would have

your connections.

----- Original Message -----

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Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2005 12:41 PM

Subject: Global MB History Project

> Dear Gerald and Shirley:

> Greetings! I hope you are well.

> As you may have heard, the Historical Commission (bi-national) has been

> asked by ICOMB to write a history or introductory volume on Mennonite

> Brethren around the world in preparation for the 150th anniversary of

> the MB Church (1860-2010). As much as possible, we would like the

> stories of each region written by people from within the national or

> regional areas. I am writing to you to ask you whether you could

- > provide name(s) and addresses of someone in Peru who might be able to
- > write about the MB Church in Peru. We are also hoping to have some
- > photos and some sidebars with short stories about individuals and events
- > that might be helpful.
- > Would you be able to make any recommendations? Any help you can
- > provide would be much appreciated.
- > Wishing you God's richest blessings in your new work.
- > Regard,
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Date: Fri, 08 Jul 2005 09:46:07 -0500

Subject: More

Just a note alerting you to some of the contents of recent MB
Heralds/Christian Leaders.

The July 1 issue of MBH has an article by Mark D. Baker on "Relating as
siblings." There are also other pertinent articles in that issue which
may also be in the Christian Leader.

Then there is the MBMS International "Witness" insert which has some
relevant material.

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Date: Fri, 08 Jul 2005 09:38:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Fwd: Re: MBHistory volume

Colleagues:

Thanks Peter and Bruce for your responses. I think we are making progress.

With regard to the stipend, I am quite uncertain how to respond. The HC has published a number of books with chapters written by different authors without offering a stipend (e.g., Mennonites and Baptists; Mennonite Brethren at Mid-Century). However, the authors were mostly North American. I have assumed that we would not offer stipends to NA authors this time either, but you may feel otherwise. At the other end of the spectrum are countries like India and Africa. I think there would be an expectation of a stipend for those authors. However, NA standards should probably not apply in determining the amount. Paul Hiebert or Werner Kroeker might be able to make a helpful suggestion re India. With regard to Europe and South America, I am less certain. Perhaps a stipend would be in order. Then there is Japan and some others.

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Would another approach be to have a symposium where papers are presented and responses given and then they could be refined/revised for the book?

Just a thought.

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Date: Sun, 12 Jun 2005 18:38:22 -0700
Subject: Re: Question re: MBs in India

Gord,

Thanks for your suggestions. I am forwarding your comments on to Paul Hiebert and Abe Dueck.

Bruce

----- Original Message -----

From: Gordon Nickel
To: Bruce Guenther
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2005 4:34 PM
Subject: RE: Question re: MBs in India

Hi Bruce: I take it you already have I.P. Asheervadam in mind? He was the one who seemed most able in that area a few years ago. P. Menno Joel has a deep understanding of the history and is an able and articulate scholar, but I don't know whether he would have time to do it. Emmanuel could also do a good job. Where is he at in his PhD studies?

Gord

From: Bruce Guenther
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2005 12:09 PM
To: Gordon Nickel
Cc: Abe Dueck (Work); Paul Hiebert
Subject: Question re: MBs in India

Gord,

I'm part of an editorial team organized by the MB Historical Commission that is currently laying the foundation for writing/producing a global Mennonite history. It is crucial for the success of this project to have writers/contributors from the various national MB bodies. Do you have any suggestions of individuals in India whom you might recommend that we contact or ask?

Hope you are enjoying the summer,
Bruce

From: "Ray Harms-Wiebe" <rayhw@mbmsi.org>
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Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2005 16:22:15 -0700
Subject: RE:

Hi Paul,

Greetings from Abbotsford!

I am sorry we did not have time to chat when you were in Abbotsford a few months ago, but perhaps we will find time on another visit. I did appreciate your "walk in the forest" sermon at Bakerview and continue to meditate on some of the things said by Paul in his letter to Timothy.

The e-mail address I have for Art Duck is fidelis@erasto.com.br. I have been corresponding with him recently so I believe you should be able to make contact with him at this address. Another person you could consult on Brazilian MB history would be Victor Wiens (vmwiens@hotmail.com). He wrote his dissertation at Fuller on the history of MB mission work in Brazil.

Other people to contact would be:

Uruguay: Ernst Janzen
Panama: John Goertz
Colombia: Miguel Forero; Elizabeth Thiessen
Peru: Paul Friesen; Gerald Falk
Paraguay: Alfred Neufeld; Melvin Warkentin

Many of these are missionaries. Are you looking for national writers? I am willing to help in any way possible.

Blessings,
Ray

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Subject:

Dear Ray, You know well about the writing project that MBMSI has planned for the big celebration a couple years from now. After a recent meeting of editors, we agreed one possibility for writing the chapter on Brazil, or possibly a broader chapter on the MBs. in Latin America might be Art Duck. I have tried his old and new e.mail addresses and neither works. Would have you an address for him. He is at the Bible school in Curitiba. I need to write to him since I have no other way of contacting him.

Also, you know the Latin America situation well. Do you know anyone else who might be capable of writing a chapter on the MB churches in the area

From: "Abe Dueck" <ajdueck@mbconf.ca>
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Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2005 10:32:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Notes

Dear Paul,

Thanks very much for this thinkpiece. I think it gives us something concret to respond to and to expand on. I hope each of us will take the opportunity to respond by email as well as to continue the discussion at our next meeting or telephone conference.

In terms of the general thrust, I wonder whether it still puts too much emphasis on the role that Russian and North American missionaries had on the development of the MB Church in each of the areas. It seems to me that it will still be a very delicate matter to balance the impact of traditional mission efforts with the internal dynamics within each context. How do we cast the story in way that truly recognizes the integrity of each national church?

Perhaps somewhat to the point is also that the second paragraph begins by referring to the "sending" of missionaries abroad. It seems to me that it would be good to begin with their desire to reach out within their own national and cultural context in Russia, both to fellow Mennonites and to their Russian neighbors.

I don't have an easy answer but just thought I would raise it.

Just a minor point re the first paragraph--the reference should probably be to the 16th century in Europe (not only Holland).

I really appreciated the references to the social, cultural and political contexts in the third paragraph. In some ways it might be better to begin with the current situation as described in the third paragraph and then to go back in history. That might help to signal more powerfully that this is not another history of MB missions beginning in 1860 or 1525. Just a thought about how best to recast the story.

Any other thoughts?

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>>> <phiebert@juno.com> 6/13/2005 10:09:27 AM >>>

Abe, Peter and Bruce,

Here is a brief introduction to the project. It is only a 'thought' piece at this moment, but may give some idea of what I think the central focus of the project is which can help us integrate the diverse pieces of thebook. Comments and revisions are most welcome,

P.S. Abe, this may be a duplicate I set earlier. Sorry if there is any confusion.

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Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2005 10:42:55 -0500
Subject: Minutes

Below are slightly revised/corrected Minutes of our telephone conference based on your comments.

Notes on Telephone Conference
Global MB History Project

Date: June 7, 2005

Participants: Peter Klassen, Paul Hiebert, Bruce Guenther, Abe Dueck

Chair: Peter Klassen

1. Review of Recent Developments

Abe reviewed the report to ICOMB by Dave Wiebe as well as the Minutes of their meeting.

2. Format

It was agreed that we continue under the assumption that a book format will be the first and primary project and that other items such as a study guide and web-based format could be developed at a later stage.

3. Book Structure

There was considerable discussion about the general structure of the book, particularly the first several chapters. It was agreed that each of the regional chapters needs to focus on the internal dynamics and not on the NA mission initiatives, although the orientation might still be "missional" in a certain sense. But the content needs to be holistic and include cultural and other issues.

The introduction should provide the conceptual framework for the book.

The first (or second) chapter should also give some historical background (e.g., 16th century Anabaptism; MB beginnings in Russia, etc.).

Paul was asked to write a conceptual piece that would give all the writers a better idea of the purpose and nature of the book.

Geographical Areas and some possible names (writers/contacts)

Introductory Section

Beginnings (Anabaptism, Russian renewal movement)

Abe will check John B. Toews's manuscript to see whether it has potential and send it to others.

Africa

Contact people: Nzash Lameya, Pakisa

Congo

Angola (6 churches)

Namibia

Peter will contact

Asia

India: E.D. Solomon, Murphy, Asheervadam

Bruce will contact Gordon Nikkel for his suggestions

Paul will take further initiatives.

China

Japan: Yoshifumi Tanaka (speaks good English/ICOMB rep)

Abe will contact.

South America

Brazil:

Paul will contact Mark Baker and Art Dueck

Paraguay: Alfred Neufeld, Victor Wall, Gerhard Ratzlaff

Abe will contact Victor Wall to write and/or provide suggestions

Uruguay

Peru: Roland Neyra Aleman

Abe will contact Gerald and Shirley Falk

Columbia:

Bruce will contact Trevor and Joan Goddard

(Cesar Pinilla responded and suggested Gabriel Mosquera)

Central America

Panama:

Peter will contact Hugo Zorilla

Europe (Germany, Austria, Portugal, Spain)

Contacts: Alexander Neufeld, Heinrich Klassen, John Klassen,

Franz Ratmaier, Flavio Forentin

Received recommendation of Alfred Neufeld and Flavio Florentin
from "mbverein [Hugo B. Friesen]

BTG recommendation: Heinrich Klassen

Abe will contact Heinrich and A. Neufeld

Russia and former USSR (Kazakhstan, Ukraine)

USA

Peter will contact Valerie Rempel. Other possible contributors are:
Kevin Enns-Rempel; Peggy Goertzen

Canada

Bruce and Abe will collaborate!

Other Issues

1. Length of each regional submission is to be approximately 15 pp.
2. Bruce will prepare a set of questions which will help each of the

contributors.

3. Committee structure

It was agreed that we continue to operate on the present basis for now. Paul is willing to take the major responsibility in bringing the various pieces together into a unified document. Abe will continue to coordinate the project as much as possible. All of us will assume editorial and other responsibilities as determined from time to time and draw in others as necessary. The committee assumes responsibility for the task irrespective of changes in Historical Commission membership and staffing.

4. Paul is willing to attend the ICOMB meeting July 2006.

5. Time-line: We will try to have the major assignments in place by the end of 2005 and some materials to be reviewed by ICOMB members at their meeting in 2006. The ad hoc editorial committee will determine the time and place of its next meeting as progress determines.

6. It was agreed that stipends would be offered to writers where appropriate.

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Subject: Re: Fwd: Re: MBHistory volume

Colleagues,

I am intrigued by Abe's suggestion that we bring together those who are writing or preparing various parts on the different countries. If we could (1) agree that manuscripts, or at least outlines, and other aspects to be included to portray MB churches in various countries, will be circulated prior to a meeting, and (2) we will then work together to refine, shape, revise as seems wise, I think this could be very productive. One caveat: would the cost be prohibitive?

Perhaps we could begin working on a time-line for various aspects of the project.

Peter

----- Original Message -----

From: Abe Dueck <ajdueck@mbconf.ca>
Date: Friday, July 8, 2005 7:38 am
Subject: Re: Fwd: Re: MBHistory volume

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Subject: Re: Notes

Thanks Paul. No apologies needed.
I will try to help get the address for Art.

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>>> <phiebert@juno.com> 7/14/2005 8:54:57 AM >>>

Abe, sorry for the delay in interacting with the committee. I just returned from a month of teaching in Portland and Copenhagen, and a week with my children out east.

I have been in contact with E. D. Solomon and Ashervadam about the project. They have agreed to work on the project. I will push them to give us some draft in the coming months.

I have had trouble with getting in touch with Art Duck in Brazil. He changed his e.mail address a couple weeks before our conference in B.C. and the new address doesnot work. I checked Elmer Martens and the M.B. missions office and they have the same address that does notwork. I need to try to get the e.mail or address of the Bible school he is teaching at in Curitiba. I'm gone for a week at the end of this month, and then here full time in the fall teaching a full load at the seminary. So I should be around more regularly,
With warm regards, Paul Hiebert

From: Dalton Reimer <dreimer@fresno.edu>
To: Peter Klassen <peterk@csufresno.edu>
Date: Thu, 14 Jul 2005 10:54:17 -0700
Subject: Fwd:

Peter,

I don't know what relationship the North American MB Historical Commission has to the India one, but I thought you might be interested in the email below from Pavithra Sagar, the Archivist in the India MB Archives.

He might be another alternative to write the India MB history, though I don't know his work well enough to be able to judge. I believe he is planning to do his doctoral dissertation on an aspect of that history. He is doing his doctoral work in the local public university in Hyderabad in a faculty of archaeology and cultural studies, or something to that effect - I don't remember the exact title.
He is a fine person.

Given the ICOMB context for the forthcoming history, does a country historical commission like the India one have input on who writes their history?

Sagar's reference to an MBMSI doctoral grant, unfortunately is unlikely. Unless there has been a recent change, I understand MBMSI has put those grants on hold.

Anyway, given your work on the Historical Commission, I thought you might be interested in the email.

Dalton

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>Dated 13th July 2005
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>Dear Brother Dalton Reimer,
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>Greetings to you in the Precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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>I am happy to inform you that the Translation work of " From the
>Anabaptist seed" in to Telugu is completed now and the proof reading has
>also been done.
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>The M.B. Historical Commission in India, which met on 15th March, 2005 has
>resolved in it's meeting to publish this book in Telugu, and also

>authorized me to proceed with the book printing work.
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>I have written to Bro. C. Arnold Snyder (the Copyright holder and the
>author) at Pandora Press to give permission to the M.B. Historical
>Commission in India to publish this book in Telugu, I have marked a copy
>to you for your reference and recommendation.
>
>In our previous correspondence you have positively responded to raise some
>donation to print this book. We dearly need some donation to finish this
>work. We request you to help us and guide us in securing some financial
>help from individuals and institutions to finish the printing of this book
>We are planning to print 500 copies in the 1st print and it needs 24,000/-
>rupees to bring it into a book form.
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>The M.B. Historical Commission has also resolved to recommend my name to
>M.B.M.S.I. for the Ph.D. Scholarship. I will also mark a copy of this
>letter to you.
>
>I am thankful to you for your kind help and guidance in this work.
>
>Convey our greetings to Mrs. Reimer and to your family members.
>
>May God bless you with good health and happiness.
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>>> Abe Dueck 7/14/2005 11:09:30 AM >>>
Do either of you have an address for the Curitiba Bible School or for
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Dear Colleagues,
Welcome back, Peter. By now I believe you are also back from Denmark, Paul.

Thank you for your helpful response, Peter.
Let me comment briefly on a few of the issues.

1) Writers

We are making good progress and I will try to keep us moving.
Peter--according to the notes you had also agreed to contact Hugo Zorrilla.

Paul--I hope that we can rely on you to sort out the India writer(s)

4) Lead writers

I do not remember specifying that we would have two writers per country. We tried to find at least two names for the major countries, but I think we were also looking for a variety of contributions such as short stories for sidebars, etc.

5) ICOMB contact

In my opinion we have done well in keeping ICOMB informed and getting their suggestions. I do not think it should be necessary to formalize things more since we may wish to retain some liberty in our selection, particularly in some countries. I think if we are unsure about our selections we can pursue that as the issues arise.

6) List of countries.

We did draw up a tentative list, but I wonder whether Paul might refine that somewhat.

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>>> Peter Klassen <peterk@csufresno.edu> 7/9/2005 10:53:48 AM >>>
Dear Colleagues,

I am glad that we are sharing ideas and making some progress in our project. Let me suggest that we continue to move ahead on several fronts, e.g.,

1. Identifying writers

We are moving ahead on some major countries, such as Canada, United States, Congo. Paul (and others), can you make specific suggestions for India? Abe, I see you have a number of suggestions concerning Latin America. I hope you can gather information specific enough to make recommendations.

2. Length of articles

We had agreed to ask for about 15 pages of text. Perhaps we should regard this as a general guideline. Not all countries should have an equal number of pages, e.g., compare Germany and Spain, or Congo and Angola. Perhaps we should concentrate on major centers of MB

membership, then work on smaller centers.

3. Overview

Abe, would you be willing to keep a "running count" of where we are in

terms of identifying writers? I think it would be great if we could have major centers covered soon.

4. Lead writers

We have agreed to have two writers per country. Would it make sense to think in terms of finding one person to do a draft, then ask the second writer to review and edit the text? I think asking both to write simultaneously might be counterproductive.

5. Maintaining ties with ICOMB

After we have most writers identified, do we need to check with ICOMB,

or are we doing enough of that as we proceed? I think it might be good to have on record a statement from each country's ICOMB member endorsing our selected writers. Since we are expecting ICOMB to underwrite our project, we need to be sure to make them feel part of the endeavour.

6. List of Countries

It would be very useful to draw up a list of countries to be covered.

In some cases, further refinement may be necessary, e.g., German or Spanish speaking churches in Paraguay.

Also, we need to decide how many countries should be given 15-page coverage (approximately) and which ones should be given lesser coverage. Also, should some countries be considered less by political

boundaries than by church ties, e.g., Germany and Austria?

Abe, could we ask you to coordinate these issues, and keep us informed?

Thanks to all, and greetings with the inscription over the Golden Gate

in Gdansk: "Es muesse wohl gehen denen die dich lieben," only in our case I suggest the reference is the MB Church, not Jerusalem.

Peter

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