

Translation of Folk Religion Book

March 7, 2006

Dear Lindsey,

Greetings from Colorado Springs! Thank you for taking a few moments to walk me through this process yesterday, and for taking it forward to Dr. Hiebert from here.

I serve as the Associate Director of Program Ministries for Worldview Resource Group, with which you have had previous contact through my associate, George Walker. As he likely stated, our primary function is to equip pastors and church-based Christian workers in cross-cultural church planting methodologies, with a focus on a worldview approach to ministry. Our website (www.wrg3.org) will tell you more about us and our board members, two of whom Dr. Hiebert would know—Dr. Tom Steffen, who serves on our Board of Directors, and Dr. David Hesselgrave, who serves on our Board of Reference.

As part of reaching the above stated goals, it is our desire to provide our fellow workers access to some of the excellent resources we have used in our own ministries over the years. Drs. Hiebert, Shaw and Tiénoú, through *Understanding Folk Religion*, have provided English-speaking cross-cultural workers with what has become such a ‘must read’ volume. Therefore, as WRG continues to equip our brothers and sisters throughout Ibero-America, we feel it imperative that we do all we can to provide them access to *Understanding Folk Religion*. With that in mind, I am writing to seek the authors’ permission to translate the text into Spanish for publication.

I realize this is our first contact, and our first such request of Dr. Hiebert, but please allow me to present a preliminary framework within which we hope to work. I trust if it is favorable to continue dialogue on this issue, Dr. Hiebert and the other authors will offer advice as to how to establish the process as well. I want to reassure all three that their intellectual property will be honored by implementation of the highest translation and quality control standards.

As with any translation, the primary concern is that of the competency of the translator. Our associate in Argentina spent ten years studying English before embarking on a career teaching English as a second language. From there she became a nationally-certified public translator, and currently serves as Professor of English at the University of Cordoba in Cordoba, Argentina. She is near completion of her M.A. in English with an orientation to applied linguistics. WRG employed her to translate another text, *Passing the Baton*, authored by Dr. Steffen and due to be released later this year. It is being published by René Padilla’s Editorial Kairós, S.A.

Regarding Yamina's personal background, she is a dedicated Christian, who, in her own words, "finds no meaning in life but in serving Him". Her father is a leading evangelical figure in Ibero-America who serves as Executive Director of Recursos Estratégicos Globales, the branch affiliate of WRG in Ibero-America.

If we proceed with this project, I would have oversight of WRG's role. Personally, I have a background in journalism and TESOL, and later spent 18 years in Papua New Guinea as a bible translator and consultant. I have also done a significant amount of editing in recent years, including a book published by Nelson in 2002.

Certainly there are many other issues to discuss, from the granting of permission from Baker Books to those which we are likely still unaware of. However, we do want to address some matters of potential concern at this point. I want to make it clear we are only seeking the rights to translate the book, and that we have no interest in the royalties which may accrue from its publication in Spanish. All royalties would be returned to the authors. Also, God has graciously provided a significant amount of money to offset the translation costs and publication of the book should it be produced in South America.

Not wanting to be presumptuous or overbearing, I will leave you with this information at this point. I will only add that we are ready to begin this project, if granted permission, in the very near future.

I certainly would like to continue to dialogue regarding this matter in the near future. Either you or Dr. Hiebert can reach me at your convenience via this e-mail address, or by phone at 719-599-5358.

Again, Lindsey, thank you for your time and efforts on our behalf, and hopefully, on behalf of our dear fellow laborers in the Spanish-speaking world.

Yours in Him,
Greg Melendes
Associate Director of Program Ministries
Worldview Resource Group

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Date: Thu, 18 May 2006 10:29:51 -0600
Subject: RE: Permission

Dear Dr. Hiebert,

I hope this finds you well in every way. We at WRG are excited over the prospects of the upcoming UFR translation project, but before we dive into the deep end of the pool, I did want to take you up on your offer of further assistance.

First off, now that we have your written permission, would you have any advice you could pass on regarding the next steps in the process? We have accessed Baker Books online and have acquired the name of their Latin American Subsidiary Rights Manager. I will contact her soon, but since I have never done this before, I wanted to know if you had any helpful advice.

Second, our translation coordinator in Cordoba, Argentina has requested an electronic copy of the English text, preferably in Word, though a PDF file would be sufficient. This would save countless hours of re-entering the text from scratch. Is this something you could provide, or would this come through Baker Books? Please let me know and I will proceed accordingly.

Thank you again for your permission to translate, and for your kind offer of assistance. Hopefully I will not burden you with further requests, but I will keep you apprised of our progress with the project if you so desire.

I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Yours in Him,

Greg Melendes

From: Paul Hiebert [mailto:phiebert@tiu.edu]
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2006 10:39 AM
To: gmelendes@wrg3.org
Subject: Permission

Greetings,

I would like to grant my permission for a translation of Understanding Folk Religion: A Christian Response to Popular Beliefs and Practices. Baker Academic, 1999. Please let me know if you need anything further from me and blessings on your work.

Cordially,

Paul Hiebert

From: "Greg Melendes" <gmelendes@wrg3.org>
To: "Paul G Hiebert" <phiebert@juno.com>
Cc: <gmelendes@wrg3.org>
Date: Sat, 20 May 2006 11:41:01 -0600
Subject: RE: WRG translation of UFR

Dear Dr. Hiebert,
Thank you for your kind note! I will be contacting Baker Books on Monday, and will let you know of anything they might require of you. Please pray for us as we head down this road. Knowing that other books have been successfully translated under their auspices is encouraging. I will remain in touch, and we remain grateful for all your help.
Yours in Him,
Greg

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

From: Paul G Hiebert [mailto:phiebert@juno.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2006 10:57 AM
To: gmelendes@wrg3.org
Subject:

Dear Greg,
Thanks for your note. I am most delighted to give free permission to translate the book. I know you need permissions from Baker, but have not been down this road many times before. Some of my books are in Korean, German and French. But I was not directly involved in the negotiation of these. I would be happy to write them a letter of support if they want one. Sorry I can't give more advice right now, but would very much want to have you give the permissions without any royalties. I am not wanting any, and I don't think Baker will ask for that either. Blessings,
Paul Hiebert

Translating “Folk Religion” into Portuguese

Paul Hiebert - Permission Request

From: "Jim Vermilya" <jv@wesleyana.org>
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Subject: Permission Request
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Dear Dr. Hiebert:

Greetings to you at this wonderful time of Holy Week!

We have not met but we have a mutual friend in Jeff Fussner. He speaks so highly of you.

I am currently coordinating the missionary internship program for Global Partners/Wesleyan World Missions. We have been working on some study modules entitled: *Sojourn Series, Guides to Intercultural Competence*. When completed, there will be a total of 12 modules designed to be used by new missionaries over a two year period after they arrive on the field. You may have heard Jeff speak about this series, since his wife, Beth, was Director of Personnel and Training for us before they went to New Zealand.

In module #10, *Communicating the Gospel*, we would like to include your article entitled: "Cultural Differences and the Communication of the Gospel" as it appears in [Perspectives on the World Christian Movement: A Reader](#). We were told by Gabriel Woo of William Carey Library that you hold the rights to this article. Our material is distributed without charge to our new missionary interns and we anticipate making about 15 copies per year. This material will not be sold to any other source.

If you are willing to grant permission, please let us know the charge and any particulars on how you want the credit information to appear.

Thanks very much and may God continue to bless your ministry.

Jim Vermilya
Internship Coordinator &
Pastor to Missionaries
Global Partners

>>> "Regala, Kristin" <KristinRegala@napubco.com> 7/14/2006 1:28 PM >>>

Dear Dr. Paul G Hiebert,

XanEdu is seeking permission on behalf of Online Studies at Moody Bible Institute to include the following material in a digital and print CoursePack for approximately 10 students enrolled in Global Culture (GS0111OL-FA06) during the Fall 2006 semester:

Publication Title: Perspectives on the World Christian Movement: A Reader, 3ed
ISBN/ISSN: 0878082891
Chapter/Article Title: Excerpt by Paul G. Hiebert from Chapter 54: Cultural Differences
Publication Author: Ralph D. Winter, et al.
Chapter/Article Author: Hiebert, Paul G.
Publication Date: 1999
Page Range: 375-377, 378-380
Total Pages: 6
Publisher: (author) Hiebert, Paul G

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From: "Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell" <laodonnell1969@earthlink.net>
To: "'Paul G Hiebert'" <phiebert@juno.com>
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 2006 20:45:58 -0400
Subject: RE:

Dr. Hiebert,
Thanks so much for the prompt reply! I don't have WP, but you could either put it in the text of an email or resave in Rich Text Format. Thanks again for taking to time to provide this information for me.

I might actually be interested in the stuff for your denomination, by the way, as my course is in historical methods and my project is tentatively entitled "Hiebert the Historian." As you know, there is some debate in the philosophy of history circles about the influence of social science on history. I wanted to keep my project narrow and focus on a missiologist's historical work. So, I made pile of ILL requests today, including requests for your 1984 "Foundations of Mennonite Brethren Missions" and 1978 "The Mennonite Brethren Church in Zaire," etc.

Your work is greatly respected in my program, by the way, so I'm looking forward to digging a little deeper. (I'll bet you never thought at the beginning of your career that some obscure Lutheran would want to use your work as primary source material for an historiographic essay!)

Peace in Christ,
Lance O'Donnell_+

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

From: Paul G Hiebert [mailto:phiebert@juno.com]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 6:23 PM
To: laodonnell1969@earthlink.net
Subject:

Dear Lance, I am honored to hear that you will be looking through some of my publications. I am attaching a file in Word Perfect. If it does not get through, let me know and I will down load it into the body of the e.mail so you can print it out. This is almost complete. There are a couple loose ends, but most of the items are listed. I am happy to send you copies of specific articles you might request. I'm sure you don't need them all because some are technical articles for professional anthropologists, some are on missiology, and some are for my denomination papers and other church magazines trying to make the ideas public in the churches. Blessings on you in your ministry and in your research.
Cordially, Paul G. Hiebert

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Christianity, but also knows that coming to grips with the central challenges of an age defines a church. He's no fundamentalist and was trained in liberal theology, but he sees clearly what the surrender of biblical authority and solid teaching on the person, work, and mission of Christ has done. As I read your lines below on the "Doing Theology" book on the ongoing process of interpretation, I was reminded of the conversation with Hunt.

Let's hope your strength holds for the Cultural Anthropology volume. We will be interested in it if Baker declines to reissue it.

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

From: Paul G Hiebert [mailto:phiebert@juno.com]
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2006 10:59 AM
To: Burrows, Bill
Subject: Re: A Missionary Anthropologist

Dear Bill,

What a delight to hear from you. This morning I was talking with a young student about Orbis and its impact on the mission scene. You have provided a great model of broad ranging publications that are key to missions in the 21st century, which is quite different from the model I grew up in India.

Regarding my writing, I am sending in to Baker the book Transforming Worldviews. It looks at a model of worldview analysis, and then applies it to tribal, peasant societies, but more importantly to modern, postmodern and post-postmodern worldviews. It is a call for conversion at the deepest cultural levels, of the things we think with, not what we think about. I try to lay out some elements of biblical worldview and how worldview transformations take place.

I have a contract with Baker on this, but am telling them that since I have been so slow in writing the book, that they need not publish it. I need to hear from them before I say more.

The second book I have almost completed is on Doing Missional Theology.

Here I elaborate on the article Tite Tienou and I wrote for Missiology which was published in April this year. It moves beyond the concept of contextualization to argue that missionaries and pastors are 'doing theology' in a third way complimenting systematic and biblical theologies.

The methods we use are similar to those of common law. We draw on constitutional law (systematic theology), statutory law which looks at how official bodies interpret the constitution in a changing world (biblical theology), and precedent cases; how other missionaries and pastors have acted in the past in similar cases). Most of the book is an elaboration on who the human sciences, particularly anthropology, have

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Subject: RE: A Missionary Anthropologist

Dear Paul,

Very good to hear from you. I talked with Enoch Won at OMSC. He told me that your health situation was not good, but we got interrupted before there was a chance for him to tell me what had changed. I'm every so sorry to hear of the mesothelioma. You have the blessing of a long warning to make yourself ready for the Lord, but such words come too readily from someone who is not in your situation. God grant you the strength to face your weakness, Paul, and to learn what your namesake meant about what is sown in weakness being raised in power (1 Cor 15:43) and in 2Cor 12:9 where God says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Enoch thought you might be coming out east (to Philadelphia) to be with your daughter. If so, please let me know, Paul, and I will get down to see you.

I am just back from AAR and SBL. What a zoo. But when you carve out time to talk with friends and authors doing interesting work, it's somehow bearable.

As for the projects ... I will start a novena that Baker will say No to you on the "Transforming Worldviews" book. That will give us a chance at publishing it. Their sales director is a good friend. In fact, he and I are to be together for dinner on the 6th or 7th of December in his home in Grand Rapids. I'm kidding, of course. I very much admire their program. Steve is a conservative Catholic who somehow wound up at Baker and has found a good home in that house. He's one of the really good guys. (I'm actually going to be in Grand Rapids with our sales and marketing director to meet with folks from Eerdmans on collaboration between us and them.)

I presume that Baker will have the good sense to take delivery of Transforming Worldviews and accept it, in spite of your tardiness, which means that "Doing Missional Theology" looks more practical. From your description, I think it will be easy to get a quick yes here and probably acceptance in the ASM Series if you would be interested in it appearing in that series. Please let me know your wishes.

Paul, it would be an honor for us to publish you and, I think, a chance to introduce you to an audience that your Baker books have probably not reached. I already plan to broker that introduction in my own book, "Missions, Culture, Church," in which I want to take several of your signature ideas and build arguments around them, but for Orbis to publish a book for you, raising to an explicit level what is happening in the mission-theologizing act would be wonderful.

At AAR I had a long and interesting conversation with Robert Hunt. He's United Methodist and has spent many years in Singapore and Malaysia. Knows a lot about Islam. After Malaysia, he had a stint as a pastor in Vienna. That brought him deep into issues dealing with identity and secularization. Methodists as a minority in a Catholic country ... the lack of deep biblical consciousness among the parishioners (mostly Brits and Americans, I gather, with a few Anglophone Austrians thrown in for good measure) ... How does a tradition like his renew itself in a strange land? He knows that you can't do a book on the "essence" of

From: "Jeremy Chambers" <thecoldkid@juno.com>
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Subject: mentorship/field ed

Hello Dr. Heibert,

My name is Jeremy Chambers and I am a new student in the MDiv program here at Trinity. I have been aware for some time now that I would have to do a field education here as part of the preparation for ministry and to grow me in the way that the Lord wants...not just academically but spiritually.

For a few months now, I have been praying a lot about how this would flesh out, I am very concerned to make sure that I do not miss out on the growth that I can experience while I am here at Trinity.

I have been informed that I can contact a professor and ask to be under his mentorship and ask to be in a position to learn from and minister to him by helping him with his teaching responsibilities or research. So I have prayed a lot about this and believe that the wisest choice God wants me to make is to ask you to be my mentor. If you already have enough pressures then I understand and will talk with some other professors. But I have included my reasons for why I feel that this will be the best for my walk with Christ for this particular semester. I would be deeply honored and humbled to learn from you and your experience.

I am considering a field ed, that requires me to be an assistant to a professor at Trinity for a couple reasons.

1. I have a strong desire to be involved in ministry while I am here. I realize that ministry can be an invaluable opportunity to grow in areas outside of academics, but also useful in applying the academics I'm learning. I do not want my time here to be just academic, but I want to be in a position of having ministry opportunities, if that includes serving a professor by helping him out with any task that he has, then I am very humbled to participate in that. Servanthood is a quality that I believe (God wants to stretch me in) and is absolutely imperative to ministry in any setting.
2. My heart wants to be involved in ministry but it seems that many people who come to Trinity are at a lack of ministry opportunities. I do not want to miss out on that at all. I understand the philosophy behind the field ed requirements and I want to make the wisest use of my time.
3. I want to be under a mentor who is going to be able to further me in my walk with Christ. My professors in undergraduate highly recommended that I find a professor out here who can help me to grow. And they said not to miss this opportunity.
4. I desire to learn especially from a professor since I eventually want to teach in a Bible College setting. This is even more important that I learn from a missions professor since I want to teach missions.
5. It would be wise for me to also be in a mentorship under a professor who has written a few books since God has also given me a desire to eventually write a book.
6. It would be wise for me to learn from an older professor who has been involved in ministry for many years and you seem to be a great choice especially because of your experience in India.
7. Even though I do not know you personally, I have heard things that lead me to think that you would be a great influence on me, I actually came across an undergrad student whose last name was either Priest, or Woodbridge, I think his name was Dave, or Dan. He told me

about how much you mean to him and how you have been an influence in his life, and it really made me desire that as well.

These are just a few of my thoughts about this. I am willing to serve you in any ways that you would need, first of all, in order to be a blessing to you and your ministry here. Second, because I would love to learn from you, and honor God in my pursuit of Him while here at Trinity.

Right now at this point I do not have a car and I believe that one of the reasons is so that God can limit my scope of options concerning the ministry opportunities available to me in order for me to be mentored

Here is a little info about myself. I am 20 and I have just graduated from Lancaster Bible College in Pennsylvania, with a BA in Missions and Bible. I have a passion for missions and have been interested in being a church planter on the missions field since the age of 13 when I was a part of a church plant in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Over the past 7 years I have been involved in about 15 church plants in something like 8 countries. One country of particular interest is India, I have always wanted to go there, and just this past year my whole family went to join in on a church plant among the Banjara people, near Hyderabad. While we were there, my 16 year old brother fell off a building, about 36 feet and landed on a tombstone, breaking his back in 5 places. I was the one to find him, but he is better now, the Lord has healed him and blessed us through that hard painful time too. Through all of this, we also saw a few churches planted among some tribes in the area, and saw many people who have never heard the name of Jesus put their faith in Christ. Because of all this, I do feel a certain draw to that country in particular over the other 15 countries I have been too. I know that I have not been to too many places, but I have more of a burden for India, and I have heard that you also have a burden for this country, so there is one of the reasons that I chose to contact you.

It is my prayer that this will work out, but I totally understand if you are not able to do this. I submit to the Lord's direction in all of this and I am confident that the Lord will answer my prayers to provide a mentor and a good ministry outlet for me during my time this semester and in the coming years here at Trinity.

Have a great day,
Jeremy Chambers

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Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2006 10:37:31 -0500
Subject: reference letter

Lois and Paul,

Last week I requested a letter of reference from each of you for my application to Chicago Semester. Having had no reply, I am concerned about whether you recieved that email. Please confirm or ask me to resend the materials I had included again. Thank you.

Blessings,

Glen S. Milner, Ph.D.
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Date: Mon, 28 Aug 2006 12:03:10 -0700
Subject: Re. Shamshabad Code Number

Paul, cc Paul Wiebe

I did not get this off before our trip to the Napa valley (last event of our anniversary celebration-- "and it was good"), so here is the word. Paul Wiebe gives instruction to donors to MBCBC as follows:

1. MBMSI has set up a project account (C0479) for contributions (tax deductible; 7.5 percent service charge) from persons such as ourselves who are interested in helping MBCBC meet its budget shortfall. If you are interested in making a contribution via MBMSI's good offices, please earmark your contribution for MBCBC Account Number C0479_ and send it either to their offices in Fresno (4867 E. Townsend Avenue, Fresno, CA 93727-5006) or in Abbotsford (302-32025 Dahlstrom Avenue, Abbotsford, B. C., Canada V2T 2K7).

That information is correct. The project code number is correct. I had been given another code : C0032 but learned today that code I was given is for within MBMSI budget contributions. The Wiebe number (C0-479) is the one for you to use in mailing the siblings about redressing the shortfall of \$17,000 of which Paul Wiebe writes.

We visited Eldred and Evelyn Kunkel in San Jose on this trip. I had the idea that they should be added to your mailing list or that of Paul Wiebe. I will copy Paul Wiebe so he can include these, your cousins, on his appeal list.

Eldred and Evelyn Kunkel
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In short, if this confusion held you up in contacting siblings, it need not be so any longer.

Blessings,

Elmer

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Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2006 10:44:46 +0200
Subject: Re: Bauman Manuscript

Dear Paul:

Delighted to get words from you and to be in touch once again. To me you shall always be as beloved as any brother one could ever want. Needless to say, news of your illness is dismaying. Carol and I shall be praying for your full recovery. May the Lord soon restore your strength and bring you back to full recovery, notwithstanding your having to suffer from chemotherapy.

At the moment, Carol and I are in Halle zu Saale (Anhalt-Saxony, Germany), for the tercentary conference and celebrations of the Tranquebar (Royal Danish-Halle-SPCK) mission. Ziegenbalg and Plutschau landed in Tarangambadi (Tranqubar) on the 9th July 1706. Proceedings begin tomorrow (Wednesday :30th July) evening and continue until Saturday afternoon. We embark for home on Monday the 4th. From there, I shall write you again.

Thanks so very much for looking at the Bauman manuscript. All Brian Stanley and I really need is word about whether or not to publish this work. If you can add a word or two about why you make such a recommendation so much the better. Chad Bauman is a young scholar. This was his Ph.D. thesis. Quite naturally, he is anxious to know what we will do with this manuscript.

Until later, my dear brother. May the LORD of all power and glory watch over you and keep you ever in the tender care of his everlasting arms.

As ever,

Bob

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

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> Dear Bob,

> Thanks for the note. It is always good hearing from you. It brings