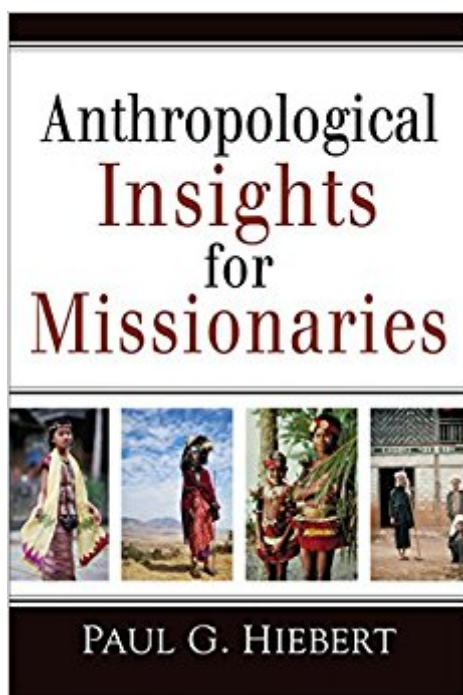


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# Anthropological Insights For Missionaries



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Expert anthropologist shows missionaries how to better understand the people they serve and their historical and cultural settings.

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The late Paul G. Hiebert (1932-2007) was distinguished professor of mission and anthropology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and previously taught at Fuller Theological Seminary. He also served as a pastor and missionary to India. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota and was the author or coauthor of numerous articles and books in the fields of anthropology and missions.

Mr. Hiebert's book was instrumental in getting me back to my Christian roots! He is a genius of our time in the Christian field of knowledge. I was reminded of all the truths that make sense in this world that are completely opposite to the world itself, which opposes Christ! They can be argued, but truth always comes up on top when it is "rightly divided (2 Timothy 2:15)." It is a brilliant read for those who wish to share the truth that we all need to hear--the one truth that will change our lives for the better and make us new creations in Christ! Absolutely invaluable! Thank you, Mr. Hiebert!

deep but understandable material for missionaries or missionaries in training.

This book is a great read. It is not too dense, while still being thoroughly insightful. Gives a good perspective for Christians to understand before they become missionaries

A good book that we used for class as we studied Anthropology! I liked it at most parts and it really helped me to understand this important subject and I realized a lot of things about myself and life as a missionary. Good book as an introduction

The author goes through every stage at a missionary encounters and explains how the gospel can be practically communicated cross-culturally. He gives strategy and wisdom to loving people of different faiths, yet not compromising but fulfilling the biblical mandate to reach the nations for the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is a must read for anyone inspiring to reach their neighbor or a nation for the glory of The Lord.

Clearly covers what a new missionary will experience on the field. This can only come from being through it himself.

"Anthropological Insights for Missionaries" should be required reading for anyone involved in short or long term missions. While well researched, this book also comes from an insider. Mr. Hiebert's years of mission experience shine through in the practical applications. As you read answer questions like, "What are my cultural assumptions?" or "Where does the culture not meet the people's needs?" This would make a great supplemental textbook for any missionology class.

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