

**Alliance for Vulnerable Mission Bulletin**  
**April 2011.**

- Please note that we are changing the vulnerable mission site from being .com to being .org. Please make changes in your records as required for it to be vulnerablemission.org. (The .com address will work for at least another year.)
- One of the satellite conferences to the main vulnerable mission conferences to be held in Texas in 2012 will be at **Cliff College in Derbyshire**, UK. The date of this conference has now been given as **21st March 2012**. People in the UK please note this date in your diaries.

- **Board Meeting Report**

The executive board of the AVM met through a conference call on 16th March 2011. Decisions made by the board include:

1. The AVM website, [www.vulnerablemission.org](http://www.vulnerablemission.org) is to be totally revamped using professional help from ACU (Abilene Christian University).
2. We are going ahead with the planning for the March 2012 international Vulnerable Mission conference to be held at Abilene Christian University in Texas between 5th and 10th March (exact dates pending) 2012.
3. Trainee – artists are to be asked to assist us in designing some kind of logo and presentation materials for the AVM
4. The executive board was informed of arrangements that are already under way for AVM to have a stall and (hopefully) opportunity to present some seminars at Mission Net – a large mission's conference due to be held in Europe at the end of this year. <http://mission-net.org/mission-net/mission-net-congress>

- The Lausanne folks have put together a set of standards to be adhered to in the giving and receiving of money in intercultural mission relationships and partnerships. This is found at [www.lausannestandards.org](http://www.lausannestandards.org). AVMers are encouraged to add their stories to these standards, perhaps pointing to places in which language and power issues really ought to be taken more seriously than they are by the Lausanne text (<http://www.lausannestandards.org/participants/stories/>).

- Following the success of our recent executive board-meeting by conference call, the AVM is now interested in arranging such a conversation for other interested parties. Please let Jim know ([jim@vulnerablemission.org](mailto:jim@vulnerablemission.org)) if you are interested and available for such a conversation which will be through a conference call number based in the USA. The provisional proposed date is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm East Africa (Nairobi) time, which is GMT +3 (so that is 5pm GMT).
- Some folks in the AVM may be interested in looking into the activities of the Chalmers Centre in Georgia in the USA. This is now they describe

themselves: The Chalmers Center for Economic Development at Covenant College *helps churches to help the poor to help themselves*. Training is available for pastors, deacons/lay leaders, missionaries, and ministry staff. It is delivered through web-deployed distance learning courses, self-study courses, and week-long training institutes held throughout the world. See: <http://chalmers.org/>

- Long time friend of AVM Gene Daniels has recently had an article published in the EMQ (Evangelical Missions' Quarterly). His article is unfortunately only available to those who subscribe to EMQ. This article has the intriguing title: "The Converted Missionary: Becoming a Westerner Who Is Not Western-centric."
- Please note the following from SIL: "We are proud to be able to offer high quality and innovative courses in a range of disciplines needed for working cross-culturally in language based development all over the world" ... see <http://www.eurotp.org/uk/index.php> for more information.

Yours,

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