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- I am very pleased to be able to welcome Tim Reeves onto the executive board of the AVM starting December 2013. Tim has agreed to serve with us for one year. We hope to be able to replace him by January 2015. Tim, who is from Norwich in UK, played a key role in the organising of the UK conference last month. He has a lot of interest in vulnerable mission, although never himself having been involved in overseas mission. Thanks Tim, and welcome! (You can communicate with Tim at this address: tim@vulnerablemission.org)

I am pleased to have completed my 3 month trip to Costa Rica, USA, UK and Germany. I am very grateful to my many hosts who fetched me, housed, fed, and watered me, otherwise looked after me, then sent me on my way again. I can count up to 24 stops in about 14 weeks of travelling, about half of the total time having been in the USA. My trip enabled me to have numerous conversations with many people. Many of those are in key missions' leadership positions around the world. I also held many seminars to a wide variety of audiences with interest in Christian mission. I can say that I was well received and generally very happy with what I was able to communicate.

As I write I have been back in Kenya for 3 weeks. It is always interesting to be in Kenya after a period overseas. My eyes are in tune to different things, so that I can perceive contrasts between Kenya and the West more sharply at these times.

I get the impression that many missions' professors and agency leaders are now aware of vulnerable mission. Vulnerable mission has become a topic in many missions' curricula. This means that we (the Alliance for Vulnerable Mission) are having a great deal of ongoing impact, often which we are not even aware of. This influence should be penetrating the literature more and more. The practice of mission will be impacted by vulnerable mission thinking as those missionaries

who were recently training implement Biblical principles that we have challenged them with.

Please pray for our ongoing discussions on issues related to vulnerable mission. We need to see how to 'consolidate' recent gains. We are looking towards having more activities in 2015. We are seeking to know whether in the future our promotional activities ought to be different given that so many people have 'heard the word'. Your input is valued as a part of this strategic thinking process (please share your thoughts with us here; jim@vulnerablemission.org).

There is not much content for the Bulletin this month. The main reason is the 'slack' associated with December and the Christmas period in general. I am too late to say 'Merry Christmas', but I can say 'Happy New Year'. We wish all our readers a Spirit filled and challenging 2014 in the Lord's service.

Jim Harries 30.12.2013.

- A review of De Neui, Paul, (ed) 2012. *Complexities of Money and Missions in Asia*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library can be found here: <http://mis.sagepub.com/content/42/1/90.full.pdf+html>