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- **Vulnerable Mission Conference**, Norwich, UK. 14th to 16th November 2013.
- **Vulnerable Mission workshop**, William Carey International University, California, 24th September 2013.

Please put these dates into your diary.

- UK conference call for papers. We are looking for contributors who can come and present papers or lead seminars for the UK conference to be held November 14th to 16th this year. Details below.
- The following short-piece by Jim Harries has been published in the latest edition of AJET:
Harries, Jim, 2011. 'The Top Shelf in the Bible College Library.' *African Journal of Evangelical Theology*. 30 (1), 2011, 90-92. (Although dated 2011, this has actually been published in 2012.)
- See more German and Spanish articles articles linked to on the home page of vulnerablemission.org. Thanks to Frank and his team for translating these articles into Spanish and German.
- See here <http://www.povertycure.org/principles/> for information about a set of initiatives aimed to relieve global poverty on the basis of Christian principles.
- Jim Harries' latest journal that outlines aspects of his personal ministry is found here: <http://www.jim-mission.org.uk/journal/j201302.pdf>

- AVM advisory board member Tim Reeves has written up a history of the NCBC (Norwich Central Baptist Church) that is to host the UK vulnerable mission conference. Tim will lead a tour as a part of the conference. For advance details of what promises to be a fascinating tour see here: <http://www.vulnerablemission.org/ncbc-norwich-central-baptist-church-history/>
- Take a look at this just-published kindle-book by Chris Little available over Amazon: http://www.amazon.com/Polemic-Missiology-21st-Century-ebook/dp/B00BEYOSIK/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1360942913&sr=8-1&keywords=polemic+missiology# Chris surveys recent literature and practice of mission under the headings 1. The contours of Christian Mission 2. Foreign subsidy and 3. Business as Mission. He draws heavily from Roland Allen. Chris gives us a clarion call for mission renewal away from the heavy burden of Western control.
- German speakers, see here for some fascinating analysis. Despite the increasing globalisation of education, technological initiative and power remains in the north, according to this report. What the north understands, others take at face value, it suggests: https://www.iz3w.org/zeitschrift/ausgaben/335_wissenschaft

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The AVM (Alliance for Vulnerable Mission) was founded in 2007. It has close informal links with organisations such as WEA (World Evangelical Alliance), World Mission Associates, SIL, Abilene Christianity University, and many others. The AVM ran conferences in 2009 and again in 2012 in USA, UK and Germany.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Conference to be held at Norwich Central Baptist Church in Norwich, UK, 14th to 16th November 2013.

NCBC is an historic church in an ancient Christian town with an incredible history which we intend to help you to explore.

We will be having a workshop on a similar theme, 24th September 2013 at WCIU, Pasadena, California. More information here:

<http://www.vulnerablemission.org/workshop-vulnerable-mission-william-carey-international-university-california-24th-september-2013/>

Submit abstracts to jim@vulnerablemission.org before May 2013.

Papers due before October 2013.

Working title: ***Through the Eyes of Vulnerable Mission;
using ‘vulnerable’ principles in various missions’ contexts***

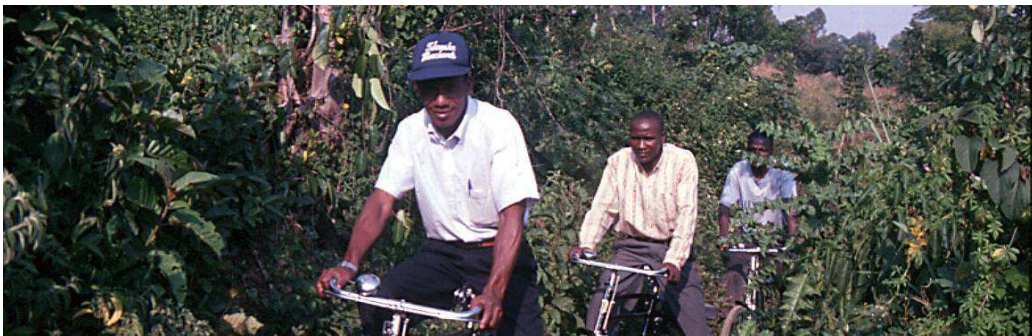
We are looking for people to present papers and/or lead seminars/discussions to:

- point to the advisability of vulnerable mission practices,
- advocate how vulnerable mission is to be implemented, or
- provide theoretical background to the above.



We are defining vulnerable mission as; Christian mission (or development intervention) from the Western world to places or people outside of the West ***that is carried out using local languages and local resources.***

- the AVM (Alliance for Vulnerable Mission) believes that **some** Western missionaries ought to operate in this way. We are not saying that this is the only way of doing mission, but we are saying that it is important to explore and encourage vulnerable ways of working.
- we are seeking contributions to the conference that will promote vulnerable methodologies. We are therefore not looking for formulas on how to do mission using English. We are not looking for ways of using superior Western resources. Instead we are advocating partnerships in which ministry is funded using resources of indigenous origin and engaged using indigenous and not European languages.



We are looking for contributions that show **interaction of the below** (please add your own suggestions to this list) **with vulnerable mission:**

Dependency with vulnerable mission
 Mission to Muslims with vulnerable mission
 Economics with ... etc.
 Short term mission
 Secularism
 The Roman Catholic church
 The Orthodox church
 Contextualisation
 Youth in Mission
 Partnerships
 Pentecostalism
 Education
 Medical services
 Others ...

Please write to jim@vulnerablemission.org with your suggestions if you are interested in participating in the above.

