

end-month news December 2019 from Jim Harries (23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 2019)

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



*Myself and bible school student from Tanzania, Dec. 2019.*

While people are in festive spirit ... perhaps this is the time to ask for a volunteer ... a colleague, Theo Kuster, has helped for nearly 20 years with posting material onto my website on a regular basis. I am looking for a volunteer to continue this role now that he has to take care of his ailing wife. Please let me know if you are able to do this. It requires posting a couple of things onto the site, about 2x per month.

It was good to meet up with a lot of people in my recent UK visit. A special thanks to folks in Norwich, of Norwich Central Baptist Church, that I left in the early morning of 8<sup>th</sup> December. Our conference was from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December, that went very well. We had some high-quality speakers that presented some very good and challenging papers. Audios of some of the papers are available here:

*Introduction: what is vulnerable mission?* Jim Harries. [Click here to hear audio version.](#)

*Paper 1. Introducing Vulnerable Mission, and paper: Mission Vulnerability essential to avoid conventional-mission pitfalls.* Jim Harries [Click here to hear audio version.](#)

*Paper 4 How can Western Missionaries best support a viable Mexican church planting network without dominating it.* Peter Sholl [Click here to hear audio version.](#)

*Paper 5 Undress, Be Enslaved, Wash: Three Movements in Cross-Cultural Mission from John 13.* Andy McCullough, [Click here to hear audio version.](#)

*Paper 8 Understanding, embracing, enacting ministry from a position of weakness.* Chris Sadowitz [Click here to hear audio version.](#)

*Paper 9 Money, Vulnerability and Mission: The Example of Paul and the "Collection" For the Poor.* David Smith [Click here to hear audio version.](#)

***Vulnerable  
Mission  
Conference of  
December  
2019:***



Hans Baer, Peter Stagg, Frank Paul, Clive Grey, David Smith.  
Peter Sholl, Donna Sadowitz, Gudrun Harries, Daniel Sadowitz.  
Nick Henwood, Jim Harries, Johannes Rehm.

I have had a full time of activities since coming home. On the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> we had a celebration to give thanks for one of my girls having completed her primary schooling. The next day I set off early for a trip of 30 miles or so, to take one of my boys to a 3 day ceremony including a housebuilding for his mother. I hovered at the edges of what went on. He had to be there so that he be recognised as the owner of that home. (Some of my children are not full orphans. This lad's father, now deceased, was a full orphan when he came to me in 1999. His mother begged me to take in her son when she appeared to be on her death bed, from AIDS, in 2009.) Coming back, I participated in a week long crusade, and welcomed one of my students from Tanzania to home. I already have a ticket booked for a bus to Tanzania leaving here on 9<sup>th</sup> January. God willing I will teach at a bible school there for about 5 weeks, then perhaps visit some Coptic churches in Tanzania on my way home.



The above two pictures illustrate progress on the house after one day's work. (The first picture I took in the morning, the second in the afternoon.)

I try and avoid using motorbike taxis. One morning I refused a particular motorbike because he charged too much. Five minutes later his motorbike hit a car ... Give thanks for the three days I had experiencing life in a different Luo village ... Please pray for writing projects that I continue to work on between other things ...

Yours,

Jim