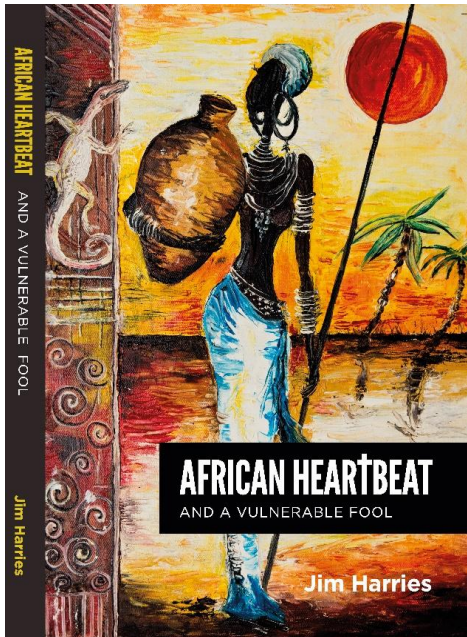


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  - 31<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> **June** Conference (see flier below)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Wantage Baptist Church.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> NFC, Alresford, Hants.
- 14<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June in Germany (including CCD conference, Worpsswede, and other visits.)
- 29<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July Kenya, Meru.

2. **New secretarial assistant.**

I am very grateful to Angela Merridale, who has assisted me in fulfilling many secretarial roles over many years. Angela is retiring at the end of this year. We are looking for a replacement. Please write to me, [jimoharries@gmail.com](mailto:jimoharries@gmail.com).

3. **Help needed with typing.** Please write to me at [jimoharries@gmail.com](mailto:jimoharries@gmail.com).

4. **Give thanks that the AVM Bulletin**, of which I am the editor, produced by the Alliance for Vulnerable Mission, is becoming widely respected as a cutting-edge front-line source of missions' information! To see copies, available freely, go [here](#):

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Myself visiting the ark encounter in the USA in November 2017



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Tim and his wife Amanda and baby Matilda



Our conference on vulnerable mission that was held in Pennsylvania, USA, November 2017



Myself meeting some cousins and their families in the USA, November 2017.





Myself at bible-translation conference in Dallas, USA  
October 2017 – final banquet.



My good long-term friend Mike Woods in USA,  
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