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We have good news for the AVM to the effect that Abilene Christian University missions' professor Chris Flanders has agreed to host a VM conference at their university in Texas in March 2012. This is envisioned as being part academic and part a more generic conference, and also to be a main site from which satellite conferences or activities in Europe and North America can be coordinated. Please pencil in the first week of March 2012 in your diaries as we await more details.

Please contact us if you would be interested in hosting some kind of satellite site to the main conference above.

Another related notice; Chris Flanders, mentioned above, has accepted to be on the **executive board** of the AVM. Welcome Chris, and we look forward to working with you! For information on Chris, see <http://www.acu.edu/academics/gst/faculty/flanders.html>

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Not so many new articles to refer you too this month, but please do have a look at these pieces:

- This account was initially written by Andrew J. Dickson (New Zealand) in the course of a discussion on pearl (vulnerable mission discussion list serve). He agreed that it be posted and made more widely available. It is posted here on 3rd January 2011. <http://www.vulnerablemission.com/mission-and-relationships/>
- Here is an article by Richard Twiss, a native American who is very active in encouraging native Indian churches to have a truly 'native character'. <http://www.missionfrontiers.org/issue/article/making-jesus-known-in-knowable-ways>
- I was intrigued to find an article in Anthropology News (January 2011) talking of Ebonics. This, I have discovered, is the language of African-Americans. The very article advocates that ebonics or AAL (African American Language) should be legitimised alongside standard English in the USA. It strikes me as amazing that such legitimisation for an African language should be sought even within the USA. How much more important to legitimise African languages in Africa! (Alim, H Samy and Perry, Imani, 2011. 'Lost in Translation. Language, Race and the DEA's Legitimization of Ebonics.' *Anthropology News*. 52/1. January 2011. p20.)

Yours,
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