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- Gene Daniels has had an article published in *Global Missiology* called ‘Contextualizing Church-State Relations in Muslim Contexts’ that looks at the missions situation in Central Asia. His focus is on Protestant churches started in recent decades by western missionaries. He argues that a common approach by mission churches of relating to governments by promoting western human rights interests is unhelpful as it “corroborates the misperception that *Protestant* faith is an intrinsically *foreign* faith to the peoples of central Asia” (p7). It would be better, says Gene (pseudonym) for missionaries to “demonstrate humility ... by ... publically ... not making any ... presumption to any kind of rights or privilege”.
<http://ojs.globalmissiology.org/index.php/english/article/view/448>
- **Thinking Mission Forum - 25 May** in London. *Western Dominance in World Mission: time for a change?* Jonathan Ingleby, Eddie Arthur and others help us think through whether western leadership is too prominent in world mission and how the West can learn to listen to the Majority World and act upon what it hears.
- This short article was written by Jim Harries in 2000. It arose from research conducted with the help of Stan Nussbaum. Finding that it was removed from the net, Jim has posted it on his own website. It looks at the prominence of ancestral spirits in day to day life in western Kenya: <http://www.jim-mission.org.uk/articles/jochiende-gi-puodhruok-2000.pdf>
- Jim Harries, chairman to the AVM, has received an invitation to the invitation-only World Evangelical Alliance Missions Commission consultation to be held in Stuttgart, Germany in November of this year. This will be an excellent opportunity to share the principles of vulnerable mission with others. Any contributions towards the cost of the conference and flights from Kenya to Germany for Jim will be appreciated. (For details on how to make contributions go to <http://www.vulnerablemission.org/donations/>.) For more information on this conference go to <http://www.weaconnections.com/News/Mission-Commission-Global-Consultation-2011.aspx> .
- More details of the **2012 vulnerable mission conference** to be held at Abilene Christian University in 2012 have been decided upon:

Conference title: Global Conference on Vulnerable Mission

Conference subtitle: Post-colonial mission and development at depth without dependency

Dates: two full days are to be Thursday March 8th and Friday March 9th 2012.

Location: Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas, <http://www.acu.edu/>

Cost: not yet known, but quite likely about \$100 including meals, plus accommodation.

Programme: mornings will be focused on the more academic/theoretical side of the questions addressed by AVM. The afternoons will be more practical and

participatory. We are now looking for people who will prepare to share papers in the mornings (with a view to subsequent publication) and to lead seminars and workshops that are to be held in the afternoons.

Please make this information as widely known as possible amongst your friends and colleagues. We suggest that you paste it on your websites!

Yours,

Jim Harries
Chairman, Alliance for Vulnerable Mission.