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- We welcome **Jean Johnson** onto the advisory board of the AVM. Jean was at the recent US conference. She promises to be a very valuable addition to the advisory board membership. Jean Johnson serves as an international consultant with *World Mission Associates* ([Jean Johnson at WMA](#)), helping bring awareness and change to unhealthy dependency as a result of global mission efforts. Jean spent 16 years as a missionary in Cambodia.
- We also welcome **Tomas Dozier** as a new member onto the advisory board. See [here](#) for more information about Tomas: Tomas is director of *Association for Development through Education*, based in Costa Rica. One of Tomas' colleagues presented at the recent US conference on VM. ADE has a lot of overlap in their philosophy of mission with the AVM.
- **Daniel Everett** is causing some linguistic stirs that may be of interest to AVMerS. According to Everett, who did long-term research amongst a South American tribe (in the course of which he lost his Christian faith), conventional wisdom on universal grammar is misguided. Frank Paul, AVM advisory board member, recommends Everett [as a good read](#).
- **Frank Abbas** works amongst the ghetto in Varna in Bulgaria, that is divided by ethnic difference, especially between native Bulgarians and gypsies. See [here](#) for a video of his work. Subtitles are in Bulgarian, audible commentary is in German.
- Christian worker in the Middle East McAllister has written a book considering **tribal identity as a possible platform for the growth and spread of the Christian church**. Rooting the church in "tribe" implies neither Western languages or resources. Instead existing categories are to be utilized, as imperfect as they may be, for the spread of knowledge of the Grace of Christ. Details [here](#)
- **"Member"**. In the last edition of the Bulletin, I referred to some people as "members" of AVM. Note that we do not have a formal "membership", so this reference was in a generic way, to say that someone is affiliated with AVM.