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- **Pearl discussions** have been both active and interesting. New members always welcome (go here for more information on how to join: [pearl](#)). We've been discussing appropriate ways for Western missionaries to interact with the gift-giving practice of non-Western societies. Even more recently, we are looking at the potential value of some principles of Eastern Orthodox theology in relation to inter-cultural mission to Africa.
- Just published by Jim Harries, this article "points out that linguistic policies based on European languages in Africa are a major aggravation to the dependency situation in Africa. It concludes by suggesting that Western missionaries can help the African church to become an indigenous institution by engaging in their ministries using indigenous languages." See: Harries, Jim. 2012. '**The Contribution of the Use of English in Africa to Dependency in Mission and Development.**' In: *Exchange, Journal of Missiological and Ecumenical Research*, 41/3, 279-294. For pdf of this article click here: [contribution](#) See also here: [information on the article](#)
- Is our Christian charity really hurting those we intend to help? Do you ever wonder if your charitable giving is making a difference? Are you helping create measurable and lasting change for those in need? Please join author and veteran urban activist Bob Lupton to **discuss the challenges from his recent book - *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those they Help (and How to Reverse It)***. Date: Saturday, October 6. Time: 9:30AM - 3:30PM. Location: Parkview Community Church, Glen Ellyn. Cost: \$15. Register [here](#)

- We are sorry to announce the **resignation of Wayne Burgess** from the advisory board of the AVM. Wayne explains that his circumstances are such that his interest in international intercultural issues and mission has taken more of a back-stage in his life. We wish Wayne well in all his future endeavours and other avenues through which he serves the Lord.
- This write-up describes a discussion on the topic of **risk in mission** held at a recent conference. The authors suggest that the Western risk-averse society may be resulting in missionaries avoiding the very 'risky' contexts in which ministry can be the most effective: [mission and risk feedback](#)
- **WMA (World Mission Associates)** has been involved in countering dependency in mission for many decades. Their website (<http://wmausa.org/>) has many very useful articles. Here are just a few valuable resources:

An excellent book by Glenn Schwartz has sold thousands of copies. Glenn draws on long experience of exposing dependency and encouraging self-reliance amongst churches and mission groups especially in Africa: [Glenn's book - more information](#)

Click on these links to get your copy of the WMA quarterly newsletter called 'perspectives':

[November/December 2011 perspectives](#)

[February/March 2012 perspectives](#)

[May/June 2012 perspectives](#)

Below just a couple more articles available on the WMA website:

[The Dilemma Facing Pastor Doug](#)

[A church and mission in central Africa](#)