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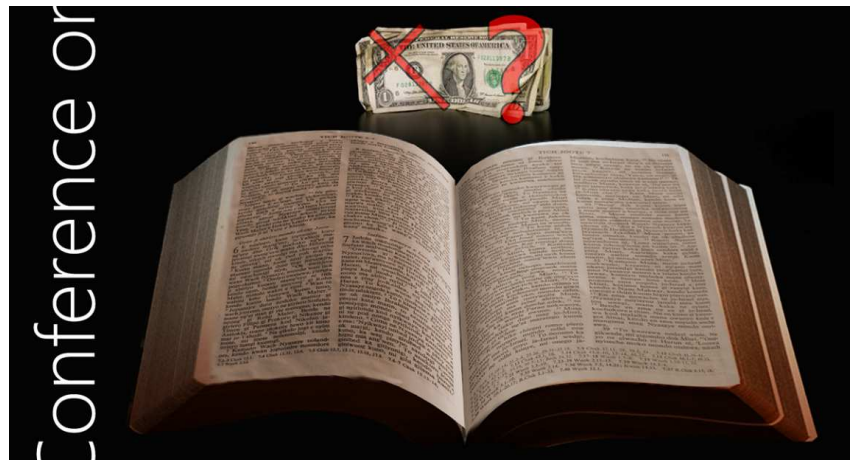
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These are exciting times, as the Alliance for Vulnerable Mission continues to participate in and at times lead more challenging events in the USA, UK and German.

The main event for your diary is the 14th to 16th November 2013, conference organised by the Alliance for Vulnerable Mission (WMA,

TWR and NCBC are co-sponsors). This is to be held in Norwich, UK, at NCBC (Norwich Central Baptist Church). Places still available. Twelve or more high quality speakers will guide our thoughts at this cutting edge conference. The £50 fee includes meals but not accommodation.

More information here: vulnerablemission.org



2014 OMSC STUDY PROGRAM

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p.m.)

2013-2014 OMSC international
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. All are

2013 (Thursday-Friday)
day.

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October 25-26, 2013 (Friday-Saturday)

Indigenous Initiatives in Mission.

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October 28-31, 2013
(Monday-Thursday)

Doing Oral History: Helping Christians Tell Their Own Story

Dr. Jean-Paul Wiest, Jesuit Beijing



WEBINAR • COUNTERPRODUCTIVE MISSIONS: UNHEALTHY DEPENDENCY IS A SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO YOUR GREAT COMMISSION EFFORT

October 31, 2013
Presented by Jean Johnson • Co-Director • World Mission Associates

Webinar Description

Can you imagine coming to the realization that you have been the hindrance to your own goals? As a missionary in Cambodia, I came to the realization that the means that I often used to achieve intended goals became the actual stumbling blocks to those goals. In this webinar, we will discover how the unintended consequences of unhealthy dependency become the self-imposed enemies of our Great Commission effort and principles of how to avoid these consequences.

- 25th to 26th October Jim Harries will be sharing at the OMSC study programme in New Haven, USA. Details: <http://secure.omsc.org/node/526>

- 31st October 2013: please consider joining **Jean Johnson's Webinar** looking at dependency. Details: <http://www.missionnexus.org/counterproductive/>

- **Jean Johnson, Val Arguello and Jim Harries** will be in the UK from 7th - 17th November ministering at the following locations:
 - 7th November: Redcliffe Missionary Training college, Gloucester.
 - 9th to 10th November: Andover Baptist Church, Andover, Hants.
 - 11th November: Wantage Baptist Church, Wantage, Oxfordshire.
 - 12th November: Acomb Baptist Church, Acomb, York.
 - 13th to 17th November (days include the conference): Norwich Central Baptist Church, Norwich, Norfolk.
 - 17th November, evening service, Andover Baptist Church.
- Thereafter, **Jim Harries will be speaking in Germany** at the following locations:
 - 19th to 23rd November, Korntal Missionary Training University, nr. Stuttgart.
 - 28th to 30th November, Wiedenest Bible college, Wiedenest.
 - 30th November to 6th December, Fritzlär Bible College, Fritzlär.

- We would like to share our GREAT APPRECIATION to **Stan Nussbaum** for the integral part he has played in the AVM from its founding in 2007 to date. Stan was one of our three founding executive board members. He has remained on the board ever since then. Due to changes in his work situation he has asked to be released from the executive board and to be allowed to serve instead on the advisory board. We are sad to see him go, and say a big ‘thanks’ to Stan for his many efforts.

Stan’s leaving the executive board leaves us short of one member. We are actively considering who to recruit into that position. We are also seeking to expand the executive board. This is why these are particularly exciting times for all of us. Please join us in prayer for these key positions.

- The **Millennium Development Project**, a massive effort that was aimed at halving global poverty by 2015, is gradually running down. Some independent evaluations on the project are now becoming available. Nina Munk, a journalist, shadowed Prof. Jeffrey Sachs the visionary behind the Millennium project. For more on her findings see <http://www.powerlineblog.com/archives/2013/09/how-not-to-save-the-world.php> . If you’d rather see a video recorded discussion about her book see here: <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/TheIdeal>
- The UK information service for world mission called OSCAR has been raising the profile of vulnerable mission by sponsoring a **discussion** based on this article written by Jim Harries: <http://www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/articles/harries2.htm> Please take time to have a look and contribute to the discussion.
- The UK EA (**Evangelical Alliance**) is helping us to promote the UK conference. For details see here: <http://easilyfound.it/through-the-eyes-of-vulnerable-mission-id69151.cfm>
- According to Amazon: “Veteran activist Tyler Wigg-Stevenson identifies the practical and spiritual pitfalls that threaten much of today's cause-driven Christianity. He casts an alternate vision for doing good based on the liberating truth that only God can save the world.” Tyler’s book, entitled *The World Is Not Ours to Save: Finding the Freedom to Do Good*, is available over Amazon here: http://www.amazon.com/World-Not-Ours-Save-ebook/dp/B00BBSFFOQ/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1380911186&sr=8-1&keywords=the+world+is+not+ours+to+save
- **Brigada**, the US missions information service, has the following announcement regarding the upcoming VM conference: http://www.brigada.org/2013/10/13_12619
- See here <http://www.lbt.org/papers/technical/eJournalV3-1.pdf> for the LBT (Lutheran Bible Translators) e-journal of mission studies, January 2008, that deals with the question of **money, relationships, projects and power in missions**.
- **Teaching English** isn’t all that it is made out to be, according to Patricia Ryan in a Ted talk: http://www.ted.com/talks/patricia_ryan_ideas_in_all_languages_not_just_english.htm
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- See <http://www.amazon.com/Nail-Scarred-Hands-Made-ebook/dp/B00B3YDSRE> for a recent articulation of **mission in a violent Latin American slum**. This book is entitled: *Nail Scarred Hands Made New: Making Sense of the Gospel in a Violent Latin American Slum*. “Addressing evil, hopelessness, and violence with the paradoxical approach of victory stained with suffering and deliverance standing alongside failure, John helps us see a resurrected yet nail-scarred Christ” explains a reviewer of John Shorack’s book.
- Please join us **in prayer** as we are doing some restructuring in the leadership of the AVM as we seek to bring in some new blood and fresh ideas. Pray for us for the remaining events this year, and then for the process of putting together plans for activities for the future.
- The AVM has an email discussion forum called pearl. To join this, so as to ask your questions to a varied audience of AVM followers, go here: <http://lists.vulnerablemission.org/listinfo.cgi/pearl-vulnerablemission.org/>

This Bulletin has been sent out early to remind people of the events in the USA at the end of this month. To unsubscribe, respond to the email address through which you were sent this Bulletin with ‘unsubscribe’ in the subject line.