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Workshop – doing partnerships better:
vulnerable (intercultural) mission practice.

Workshop held in Pasadena, California, 24th Sep, 2013.

 **1. Stan Nussbaum’s presentation. Vulnerable Missions – Dependency**
<http://vimeo.com/78033884>

 **2. Jean Johnson’s presentation. Avoiding being Source of Resources**
<https://vimeo.com/79741526>

 **3. Jim Harries’s presentation. The bugbear of intercultural languages**
<https://vimeo.com/81777640>

4. Panel Discussion
<https://vimeo.com/83715922>

 

Ralph D. Winter Strategy and Innovation Center.

- Paul Theroux talks of ‘Africa’s Aid Mess’. Renowned author Paul Theroux discusses why the philanthropy of Bill Gates, Bill Clinton, Bono, and Jeffrey Sachs largely fails. Here’s what works:
http://online.barrons.com/article/SB50001424053111903747504579185800700741812.html#articleTabs_article%3D1
- ‘For God’s sake please stop the aid’, an interview with James Shikwati:
<http://www.spiegel.de/international/spiegel/spiegel-interview-with-african-economics-expert-for-god-s-sake-please-stop-the-aid-a-363663.html#sthash.K4KpMHnR.dpuf>

- ‘You Can’t Save the World’, by Daniel Greenfield:
http://sultanknish.blogspot.com/2014/02/you-cant-save-world.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+FromNyToIsraelSultanRevealsTheStoriesBehindTheNews+%28from+NY+to+Israel+Sultan+Reveals+The+Stories+Behind+the+News%29 Daniel concludes: “Trying to solve a problem rooted in behavior with monetary rewards only perpetuates that behavior. Instead of saving the world, throwing money at it destroys it instead.”
- Are development practitioners now doing the **kinds of damage** that missionaries were once accused of?
<http://www.survivalinternational.org/thereyougo>
- <http://chronicle.com/article/Reliance-on-International/144731/> In this article entitled **Reliance on International Collaboration May Hurt African Research**, shows that rates of international cooperation in research in Africa are much higher than elsewhere in the world. Is this necessarily healthy, asks Sharon, or could it mean that incentives to cooperate with the more wealthy could be preventing Africa from standing on its own two feet?
- **Afrika muss mit Miseren selbst fertig werden**, sagt die Halbschwester von Obamas (German language):
<http://www.idea.de/detail/politik/detail/halbschwester-obamas-afrika-muss-mit-miseren-selbst-fertig-werden-26912.html>
- **The missionary church as the poor church**, audio presentation by Rosalee Velloso Ewell of the WEA:
http://www.globalconnections.org.uk/system/files_force/media/Rosalee%20Velloso%20Ewell%20-%20Part%202%20-%20GC%20Conference%202014.mp3?download=1
- Listen here to the message given by Jean Johnson, AVM board member, at NCBC (Norwich Central Baptist Church) in November 2013. It is an excellent example of **story-telling as well as a very touching and challenging message**: <http://docs-eu.livesiteadmin.com/8d250ac7-c94e-4c7f-b3af-4560dd43d22b/131117-am-jean-johnson.mp3>
- Robert Woodberry is doing some challenging research on formative factors resulting in communities accepting democracy. Contrary to a lot of bad PR about missionaries, his thorough statistical work has found that **the historic presence and activity of Protestant missionaries has been the major contributor to communities and countries being amenable to democratic forms of government**. For example see here:
http://www.ijfm.org/PDFs_IJFM/25_1_PDFs/25_1Woodberry.pdf

