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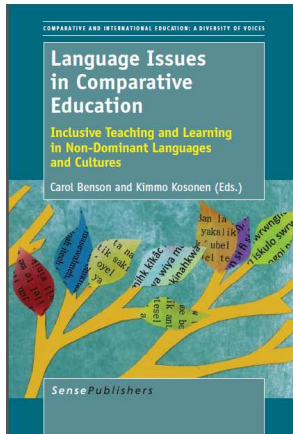
The Alliance for Vulnerable Mission encourages some missionaries from the West to engage in their ministries using local languages and resources.

Keep checking here: vulnerablemission.org , for up dated details on the 2015 conferences in the UK and Germany.



We are pleased to announce that active AVM follower **Anne Dyer** has taken up a new position teaching missions. Anne is now the Lecturer in missiology at Cliff College in Derbyshire. UK. She also has responsibility for the PhD Miss (professional doctorate) at Cliff College. Anne is an active member of the pearl discussion forum.

- ***Making Friends among the Taliban*** is the title of a book by Jonathan Larson. Larson describes the life of Christian Dan Terry who lived amongst the Taliban for almost 40 years. Follow Terry’s life in this book, as recounted in interviews and eye witness accounts. http://www.amazon.com/Making-Friends-Taliban-Jonathan-Larson/dp/0836196651/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1412315781&sr=8-1&keywords=making+friends+among+the+taliban (Larson, Jonathan, P., 2012, *Making Friends among the Taliban*. Harrisonburg, Virginia: Herald Press.)



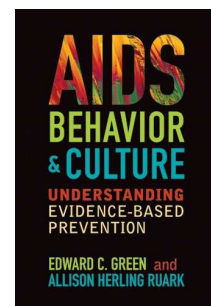
- Part of the book: *Language Issues in Comparative Education: Inclusive Teaching and Learning in Non-Dominant Languages and Culture* can be downloaded for free from here: <https://www.sensepublishers.com/media/1624-language-issues-in-comparative-education.pdf> “The logic is persuasive: (1) hundreds of millions of children around the world are forced to study in a language they barely understand; and (2) children become most easily literate in their mother tongue, their language of daily use, and the skills they gain in this process can be applied subsequently to gain

literacy in national and international languages. Bringing their languages and cultures into the classroom is thus an important way to make education more inclusive and equitable.” (p. ix)

- See here: <http://www.eastern.edu/academics/programs/missions-and-anthropology-department/ma-theological-and-cultural-anthropology-5> for more details on Eastern University’s up coming *The On Knowing Humanity Conference* to be held May 28 to 30 2015 in Philadelphia, USA. This conference will: “bring together scholars from anthropology, theology, and social practice to discuss their common interests and potential collaboration on topics such as, the significance of humanity’s unique creation for human personhood and the construction of culture; the underlying reasons for humanity’s destructive behavior toward self, others, and the environment; and the role that purpose and hope play in praxis.”
- Many **articles on vulnerable mission** especially in the African context have now been posted by Jim Harries at <https://wciu.academia.edu/JimHarries> . Have a look and a read, then tell your friends about them!
- Have a look at this book when you can: Green, Edward C., and Ruark, Allison Herling, 2011, *AIDS Behaviour and Culture: understanding evidence based prevention*. Walnut Creek, CA: Left Coast Press.

Here is a book review by Jim Harries:

<http://www.amazon.com/review/R3D65EMT0RQ822> Green and Ruark who claim to have no ‘religious’ agenda, come out strongly in support of Christian teaching on abstinence before marriage and faithfulness in marriage as means to reduce the spread of AIDS. Heavily subsidised global strategies that promote condoms have been an irresponsible use of resources, according to Green and Ruark.



- Jim Harries’ short article: “Solving a Language Puzzle: Between England and Africa” is now published by *The Pneuma Review* at <http://pneumareview.com/solving-a-language-puzzle-between-england-and-africa/>

- Eddie Arthur (UK, SIL) finds that “If we are honest, we must recognize that much of our missionary activity is overly preoccupied with human plans and institutionally driven strategies built largely upon the foundation of the social sciences.” Eddie advocates that we need to be **more theological in our orientation to mission!** See more of his blog here:
<http://www.kouya.net/?p=6363>
- Congratulations to Stan Chu Ilo who has just had a paper published about ecclesiology of vulnerability mission. Stan responds to calls for a ‘poor church’ by Pope Francis. See here:
https://www.academia.edu/t/Q01NS/8530033/The_Church_of_the_Poor_An_Ecclesiology_of_Vulnerable_Mission
- Have a look at this excellent introductory text to vulnerable mission by Christine Guehne from Germany. **(In the German language.)**
Schau an dieses einfuehrungs text von verletziches mission:
http://www.vulnerablemission.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/VM-Einfuehrungstext-Christine-Guehne_-1.pdf