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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.

2015 Vulnerable Mission Conference dates in brief:

Early-bird discount available on UK events for booking before March 2015

April 11th – York

April 14th to 16th – Gloucester.

April 18th – Coventry.

April 22nd to 23rd – Oxford.

May 8th to 9th – Marburg, Germany.

May 11th – Korntal (Stuttgart), Germany.

more details below ...



- Just to say 'congratulations' to Steve and (daughter) Hannah Rasmussen for having an excellent article published in IBMR. I highly recommend it! (If you go here; <http://www.internationalbulletin.org/>, you can register, and then get the article for free and enjoy the read!) The article itself is here <http://www.internationalbulletin.org/system/files/2015-01-012-rasmussen.html> Title: *Healing Communities: Contextualizing Responses to Witch Accusations.*



Steve Rasmussen, who teaches at AIU (Africa International University) in Kenya, is a regular correspondent on the vulnerable mission discussion forum pearl.

Mother Tongue in Education

- See here: <http://www.leadimpact.org/resources/#eventresources> for various resources related to engaging with mother tongue in education. See especially <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0BzPkwkQaouW1VWJXWE5WcHdrU2s/edit> for production of culturally relevant language development materials for a Mother Tongue-Based education programme.

Interpreters and Champions as “Inside” Agents

- See here for a recent blog by Jim Harries published by WCIU (William Carey International University): <http://www.wciujournal.org/blog/post/interpreters-and-champions-as-inside-agents>



- See here for comments by Theo Kuster, one-time Lutheran missionary and supporter of the AVM, on a book by Paul Theroux entitled: *Dark Star Safari: Overland from Cairo to Cape Town* <http://www.vulnerablemission.org/observation-aid-in-africa/>



Go to this site to register for the Germany vulnerable mission conference to be held at mbs, Marburg (central Germany) 8th to 9th May 2015: http://mbs-akademie.de/anmeldung_vm_kongress.html

- **Is God Fortune?** Beta trial: See here for a recent article by Tim Reeves and Jim Harries. <http://www.vulnerablemission.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/fort-to-pdf-26th-Jan-2015.pdf> “Have you ever thought what it would be like in the ‘West’ if instead of ‘God’ we started to say ‘luck’? Christians would say ‘Praise Luck’, Christ would be called the ‘son of Luck’, we would be told that ‘Luck is love’ and that we should ‘have faith in Luck’. This sounds very confusing. Could it be that something like this happens if the ‘wrong’ name is chosen to translate ‘God’ in translated Scriptures in the majority world? (Because ‘luck’ seems to be a singularly Western concept, I use the term ‘fortune’ below.) ... In the discussion below, this question leads to the suggestion that *Atheists believe in God.*” Give your comments on this article in pearl: <http://lists.vulnerablemission.org/listinfo.cgi/pearl-vulnerablemission.org>

FOR DETAILS ON 2015 VM EVENTS SEE BELOW:

Germany

Mo. 11. Mai 2015 in Korntal

Korntaler DenkPause

Vulnerable Mission

ein Tag für Verantwortungsträger in Mission und Ausbildung (auf Einladung)

Das Programm beginnt um 9.30 Uhr (ab 9 Uhr gibt es Kaffee & Brezeln) und endet gegen 17.00 Uhr.

Themen:

- Verletzliche Mission - ein Anliegen der Bibel für heute (Dr. Jim Harries)
- Missionare als geschätzte Gäste – ein Fallbeispiel aus Argentinien (Frank Paul)
- VM und Kurzzeitler – eine herausfordernde Beziehung (Marcus Grohmann)
- Sprache des Herzens und Reichtum des Gastlandes (Dr. Jim Harries)
- Vision, Mission und Praxis – Impulse für Verantwortungsträger (Traugott Hopp)

Tagungsort:
Akademie für Weltmission
Hindenburgstraße 36
D-70825 Korntal
www.awm-korntal.eu



Akademie
für Weltmission



Die „Alliance for Vulnerable Mission“ (AVM) setzt sich dafür ein, die gute Nachricht von Christus zu kontextualisieren, indem auf finanzielle Unterstützung aus dem Ausland verzichtet wird und lokale Sprachen genutzt werden. Die AVM hat Mitglieder aus Großbritannien, USA, Afrika und Deutschland.
www.vulnerablemission.org

mbs studienprogramm
international, interdisziplinär, interkulturell

Das mbs_Studienprogramm bietet in Kooperation mit der Universität von Südafrika (UNISA) die berufsbegleitende Studienprogramme „Gesellschaftstransformation“ und „Development Studies & Transformation“ an und qualifiziert damit für Aufgaben in Gemeinde, Mission und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit.
www.mbs-studienprogramm.de



Akademie
für Weltmission

Die Akademie für Weltmission bietet in Zusammenarbeit mit der Columbia International University, USA eine Vielzahl von akademischen Kursen und Weiterbildungsmöglichkeiten in Theologie und interkultureller Arbeit an.
www.awm-korntal.eu

Verletzliche Mission

Impulse zur Vermeidung von Abhängigkeiten in der weltweiten missionarischen Arbeit



Vulnerable Mission Konferenz 2015

8.- 9. Mai in Marburg
11. Mai in Korntal

Fr. 8. - Sa. 9. Mai 2015 in Marburg

Tagung „Verletzliche Mission“

Fachvorträge, Diskussionen, Workshops

Zielgruppe:
Missionsinteressierte und MitarbeiterInnen von Missions- und Hilfswerken

Tagungsort:
Marburger Bildungs- und Studienzentrum
Schwanallee 57, D-35037 Marburg/Lahn

Kosten:
Verdiener: 65 Euro
Nichtverdiener: 35 Euro
Die Übernachtung und das Mittagessen am Samstag sind nicht eingeschlossen. In der Nähe des mbs gibt es verschiedene Verpflegungsangebote. Hinweise zu Übernachtungsmöglichkeiten finden Sie unter:
<http://www.tourismus.marburg.de/gastgeber/>

Anmeldung:
Online-Anmeldung unter <http://www.mbs-akademie.de/kurse.html>
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Schwanallee 57, D-35037 Marburg
Telefon: 06421/9129-0
www.m-b-s.org

Anmeldeschluss: 26.4. 2015



Programm:

Fr 8. Mai 2015
16.30 Ankommen, Begrüßung,
17.30 Verletzliche Mission - Was ist das? (Christine Gühne)
18.30 Abendessen
19.30 Fallstudie aus Argentinien: Missionare als geschätzte Gäste (Frank Paul)

Sa 9. Mai 2015
9.00 Morgengebet
9.30 Gesprächsgruppen
10.00 Von der Theorie zur Praxis in VM: Beispiele aus Kenia (Dr. Jim Harries)
11.30 Partizipation - Nur ein Schlagwort? (Dr. Thomas Kröck)

13-14.30 Mittagspause
14.30-16.30 Workshops:

- Armut - nicht nur ein materielles Problem (Frank Paul)
- Herausforderung interkulturelle Kommunikation (Dr. Jim Harris)
- Welt- und Selbstbild von Entwicklungshelfern und Missionaren (Dr. Thomas Kröck)
- Wenn Hilfe (nicht) verletzt... (Dr. Tobias Kunkler)
- Offene Diskussionsrunde (Chr. Gühne)

16.30 Rückmeldung, Diskussion, Abschluss
ca. 17.30 Imbiss, Abreise



Was ist "Verletzliche Mission"?

Verletzliche Mission (vulnerable mission) ist ein Ansatz für Missionsarbeit und Entwicklungsprojekte, der sich auf die lokalen Sprachen und die vorhandenen Ressourcen stützt. Dadurch sollen eine größere Kontextualisierung des Evangeliums erreicht und ungesunde Abhängigkeiten vermieden werden.

Diese Strategien vermindern Missverständnisse durch Übersetzung aus westlichen Sprachen und das Vermischen des Evangeliums mit materiellen Vorteilen. Sie vermeiden auch, dass Projekte aufgrund der Inputs aus dem Ausland als erfolgreich erscheinen, aber nicht nachhaltig sind.

Dieser Ansatz kann sehr herausfordernd und mühsam sein, weil er Missionare und Entwicklungshelfer verletzlich und abhängig von den Einheimischen und lokalen Bedingungen macht. In Philipper 2,5-7 werden wir aber ermahnt, so gesinnt zu sein wie Christus, der sich selbst entäußerte und Knechtsgestalt annahm.

Wir laden dazu sich mit dem Ansatz der Verletzlichen Mission auseinander zu setzen und über die dahinterstehenden Konzepte und praktischen Erfahrungen nachzudenken. Dazu bieten die beiden Veranstaltungen einen guten Rahmen.

UK

Local languages only

AVM
ALLIANCE FOR VULNERABLE MISSION

Local resources only

Avoiding unhealthy dependency

Avoiding DEPENDENCY in Global Christian mission - VULNERABLE MISSION a potential answer

AVM UK day conferences
Acomb Baptist church, York
11th April 2015

AVM UK residential conference
Redcliffe College, Gloucester
14th – 16th April 2015


Queens Road Baptist church Coventry
18th April 2015

also Mission executive consultation
by invitation only
Oxford, 22nd to 23rd April 2015

Sponsored by
Redcliffe College
TWR
World Mission Associates
Global Connections
MBS studienprogramm
AWM Akademie für Weltmission

Two conferences, Marburg and Stuttgart in Germany May 8 to 11 2015

Details of all these conferences at vulnerablemission.org



PROGRAMMES

Avoiding DEPENDENCY in global Christian mission: VULNERABLE MISSION a potential answer

**Conferences in York, Gloucester and Coventry,
consultation in Oxford, all in April 2015**

Further details: vulnerablemission.org

Download your brochure here: <http://goo.gl/JN52Cm>

Key Speakers:

Missionary Jean Johnson spent six years living and serving among Cambodians in the USA and for sixteen years in Cambodia. Jean is the author of the book, *We Are Not The Hero: A Missionary's Guide to Sharing Christ, Not a Culture of Dependency*. Presently, with World Mission Associates, Jean coaches and trains pastors, churches, missionaries, organizations, and teams on how to build a culture of local sustainability and multiplication in global disciple - making efforts.



Dr. Jim Harries. Jim serves as a missionary in Kenya, East Africa. He is the chairman of the AVM (Alliance for Vulnerable Mission). Jim has authored 5 books available for purchase at the conferences below, and numerous articles, some of which are available at: <https://wciu.academia.edu/JimHarries>

Sat 11 April Acomb Baptist, York – General Day conference.

Programme:

9.30am arrival. Tea / coffee.

10.00 – 10.30 Time of worship led by Acomb BC, devotional message Jean Johnson.

10.30 – 11.00 Introductions and welcome. Chair: Ralph Hanger

11.00am – 11.20 break, refreshments.

11.20 – 13.00hrs Jean Johnson presentation and discussion.

Title: *“Look at us!” (Peter 3:4): Missionary Image and Implications*

Chair: Jim Harries.

13.00hrs – 14.30hrs. Lunch.

14.30 hrs to 15.50hrs. Jim Harries presentation and discussion.

*How cross-cultural workers can stop digging holes they can't climb out of:
outside languages and resources verses justice in Africa*

Chair: Jean Johnson.

15.50 to 16.15 Break.

16.15 -16.45 Questions / discussion. Chair: Jean Johnson.

16.45 Offering. Ralph Hanger.

16.45 – 17.00 Closing out. Jim Harries.

14th to 16th April. Major Conference, Redcliffe College, Gloucester.

Redcliffe Conference, 14th to 16th April 2015. Programme.				
Avoiding DEPENDENCY in global Christian mission: VULNERABLE MISSION a potential answer				
		Tuesday 14th April	Wednesday 15th April	Thursday 16th April
Breakfast	7.00	(none)		
			8.00	8.00
			8.30	8.30
			8.45	8.45
	10.00	Arrival	10.00	10.00
Coffee Break	10.50		10.50	10.50
	11.30	Sharing of peoples individual circumstances. Chair: Jean Johnson (semi-formal)	11.30	11.30
Lunch	13.00		13.00	13.00
	14.30	Formal opening. Opening worship. Introductions. Introduction to the topic. Ralph Hanger.	14.00	14.30
Tea Break	16.00		16.00	16.00
	16.30	Keynote paper. Jean Johnson. Healthy community and church self image. Two case studies. * Chair Tim Reeves. Discussion.	16.30	16.30
Evening Meal	18.00		18.00	
	19.30	Groups. Reflecting on Jean's paper.	19.30	
	20.30	Groups report back to plenary session. Chair: Jim Harries		
	21.00	Close. Tea / coffee.	21.00	

Sat. 18th April Queen's Road Baptist Church, Coventry – Day conference.

9.30am arrival.

10.00 – 10.30 Time of worship by Queen's Rd BC, devotional message Jim Harries.

10.30 – 11.00 Introductions and welcome. Chair: Ralph Hanger.

11.00am – 11.20 break, refreshments.

11.20 – 13.00hrs Jean Johnson presentation and discussion.

Title: *"Look at us!" (Peter 3:4): Missionary Image and Implications*

Chair Jim Harries.

13.00hrs – 14.30hrs. Lunch.

14.30 hrs to 15.50hrs. Jim Harries presentation and discussion.

*How cross-cultural workers can stop digging holes they can't climb out of:
outside languages and resources verses justice in Africa*

Chair: Jean Johnson.

15.50 to 16.15 Break.

16.15 -16.45 Questions / discussion. Chair: Jean Johnson.

16.45 – 17.00 Closing out. Jim Harries.

Programme for Vulnerable Mission Consultation, Oxford, 22nd and 23rd April 2015. (this is by invitation only)

(Essentially the same programme will be followed on both 22nd and 23rd April 2015)

Titles are not given for presentations. Because this is a consultation and not a conference, the presenters are free to respond to earlier points raised.

9.00 arrival. Tea / coffee.

9.30 – 9.45 Time of worship, word of welcome and short biblical sharing on the topic of vulnerable mission. Chair: Ralph Hanger.

9.45 – 10.15 Introductions and welcome. Includes introduction to what is vulnerable mission. Chair: Tim Reeves.

10.15am – 10.45 ‘Concerns we have come with’ input from participants. Chair: Jean Johnson.

10.45 – 11.15 tea break.

11.15 – 12.30 Presentation by Jean Johnson. Discussion. Responses to concerns raised above. Assistant: Jim Harries.

12.30 – 13.00 Small groups for discussions. Group designations: Tim Reeves.

13.00 – 14.30. Lunch.

14.30 - 15.50. Presentation by Jim Harries / discussion / responses to issues raised. Assistant: Jean Johnson.

15.50 - 16.15 Break.

16.15 -16.45 Closing out discussion chaired by Jean Johnson.

16.45 – 17.00 Closing out: Jim Harries.

Programmes also available here: <http://www.vulnerablemission.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/03/PROGRAMMES-for-2015-VM-conference-events-28.01.2015.pdf>