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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

Tim Reeves, Maik Gibson, Ralph Hanger and Andrew Wingfield at the Gloucester Cathedral, during the UK vulnerable mission conference held at Redcliffe College.

This AVM Bulletin comes at the end of a total of 7 days of conferences and consultations held in four locations in the UK. (Parallel events in Germany are still ahead of us.) To look at papers presented at these events, see the flyer copied at the end of this Bulletin that is also available here: <http://www.vulnerablemission.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/flyer-papers-from-2015-UK-VM-confs..pdf>

- We are wanting to appreciate the hard work put in by **Ralph Hanger** on the UK committee. Ralph has been a central part of the organisation of UK vulnerable mission events in recent years. He draws on wide experience in Christian engagement in Africa and many other parts of the world. Ralph resigned from the UK committee at the end of April 2015. We wish him well in his ongoing efforts at countering dependency in mission.



The last of the UK events: vulnerable mission consultation, Oxford, 23rd April 2015.



- Bob Bascom is very active in bible translation circles. His expertise in areas of language and translation has a lot to offer to vulnerable mission enthusiasts:

<http://oldschoolscript.com/2015/03/30/scholars-in-press-an-interview-with-bob-bascom/>

- See some news from WMA (World Mission Associates) here: <http://us8.campaign-archive2.com/?u=456a993fcb297a0cbd0d36a91&id=609318c589&e=75ed1b12fc> and here's the detailed news: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzsiYYO8pUUtWXgzc1JvSWNjMkU/view> (WMA is a sister organisation to the AVM – Alliance for Vulnerable Mission.)



- Eddie Arthur has reflected on his experience at the AVM consultation in Oxford on 23rd April 2015 with the following blog: <http://www.kouya.net/?p=7003> This blog, that he wrote in response to the consultation, seems to be in part a response to an earlier blog, in which Eddie agitates that: “*We need to completely rethink our approach to mission and to supporting mission work from the UK. Tinkering at the edges and solving problems are no longer enough*” (see <http://www.kouya.net/?p=5477>).
- *For a facebook post of our final UK consultation look here:* <https://www.facebook.com/oikosbishop/posts/10155445194305532>
- Secularism and Africa is the title of Jim Harries’ latest book. For a flyer about the book see here: <http://www.vulnerablemission.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/sec-flyer.pdf> For more details on the book see here: [http://www.academia.edu/12169950/Secularism and Africa in the light of the intercultural Christ](http://www.academia.edu/12169950/Secularism_and_Africa_in_the_light_of_the_intercultural_Christ)

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

The above was the title to conferences and consultations held over 7 days in 4 locations in the UK in April 2015.

Who were the presenters: *Jean Johnson* 2 papers available,
Tim Davy 1 paper, *Jim Harries* 6 papers, *Tim Reeves* 1 paper.

What are the titles of the papers:

Neglect One, Neglect the Other

Differentiating Truths to get under the Skin: Experiences with Vulnerable Mission in Kenya

The Book of Job and the Vulnerability of Mission

Vulnerable Mission, Gifts, Reciprocity, and Witchcraft, in relation to Dependency in Africa today.

History of the AVM (Alliance for Vulnerable Mission): Crossroads, Junctions, Potholes, Ruts, Sharp Corners and Direction Signs.

Depolarizing the Independency versus Dependency Dichotomy

'Look at us', Acts 3:4, the Missionary Image and its Implications

Trust and Vulnerability; being vulnerable to failures in trust as part of missionary service in Africa

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

Global Languages and Donor Activity as Obstacles to Sustainability in Mission and Development in Africa

FOR YOUR COPY OF THE ABOVE PAPERS GO TO: <http://www.vulnerablemission.org/soln8uenx4r9u4/>

Where can the papers be discussed: <http://lists.vulnerablemission.org/listinfo.cgi/pearl-vulnerablemission.org/>



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Copies of papers presented at the UK events: <http://www.vulnerablemission.org/soln8uenx4r9u4/>