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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.**

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- UK conference planned for December next year (2019), working title:



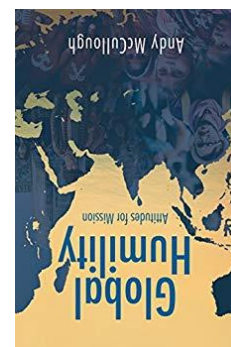
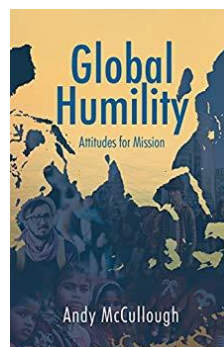
Title: **Missionaries: aliens, providers, or fellow travellers?**  
 Strapline: Should the majority world be the target of patronage from rich missionaries?  
 For more details, see your *Bulletin* as it comes month by month!

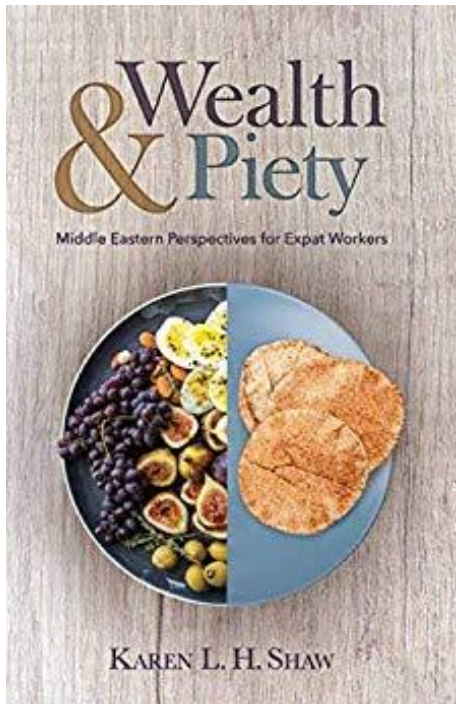
- To be held at All Nations Christian College, Ware, Herts, UK. Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019 **(not this year next year!)** 6.00pm, to Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019, noon.
- Western people's understanding of 'what is a material thing' tends to be quite clear. We've had that drummed into us from year dot. A 'thing' is made of elements like Carbon, Oxygen, a non-thing, something that is not-material, is not. Many Westerners actually believe that non-things don't exist. Jim Harries asks in this short article, published by *William Carey International Development Journal*: what do African (and other majority world people) understand 'material things' to be? See '[Material Things in the Context of Relationships in the Non-Western World, Especially Africa.](#)'



- Craig Greenfield seeks to tackle issues raised by short-term mission teams in his article [A modest proposal for a new way of doing "Short Term Missions"](#). Have a look and see what wisdom you can glean!

- **Highly recommended!** Have a look at this book by Andy McCullough when you can. We hope to have a detailed review of it in this Bulletin soon: McCullough, Andy, 2017, *[Global Humility: attitudes for mission](#)*, UK: Malcolm Down Publishing. (Seeing see this book upside down helps you to see it the right way up.)

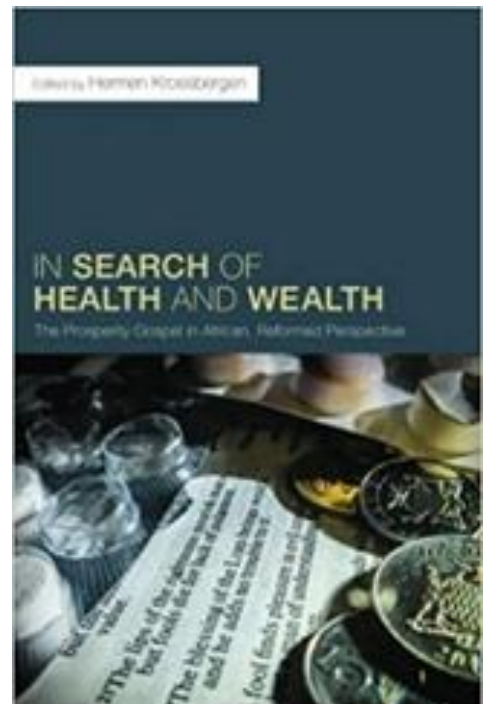




- This book, by Karen Shaw, tackles issues closely related to vulnerable mission. Anyone willing to review the book for us in the Bulletin, please let me know. For more details from Amazon go [here](#).

- For a review of this book, *In Search of Health and Wealth*, review written by Jim Harries, see [here](#).

This review is introduced by *Pneumareview.com* as: “In this review essay, missionary-scholar Jim Harries challenges Western assumptions used to decry the prosperity gospel as it is taught and believed in Africa.”





- Dr. Stan Nussbaum, Dr. Chris Flanders, and Dr. Jim Harries were all privileged to recently attend the **Patronage Symposium**, that was held in Beirut, Lebanon, at the start of this month.

For a brief summary of the event, see here.

<http://honorshame.com/the-patronage-summary-a-recap/>

To listen to the various recorded presentations, go [here](#):

To listen to presentation by AVM advisory board member **Dr. Chris Flanders**, go here: [\*Becoming Clients: Thai conversions to Christianity\*](#)



To listen to presentation by Jim Harries, go here. [\*Sidestepping Patronage with Vulnerable Mission\*](#)

For [you tube](#) of Jim's presentation.

For [copy of Jim's paper](#).

This presentation by Richard James was the first given at the symposium to act as introduction to what was to come. It contains much helpful vulnerable-mission-oriented content. It is entitled: [\*Patronage Inter-disciplinary, Intercultural, Interfaith Opportunities\*](#)