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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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**Did you miss our Webinar?**  
**Towards renewal from the inside out: using vulnerable mission to help Buddhists follow Jesus.**

<https://youtu.be/uV4HYCZdFEU>

30 min video by Deborah Bernhard - AVM Webinar presentation on 23/5/22.  
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**4 Misguided Expectations From Short-Term Missions**  
<https://missionexus.org/4-misguided-expectations-from-short-term-missions/>

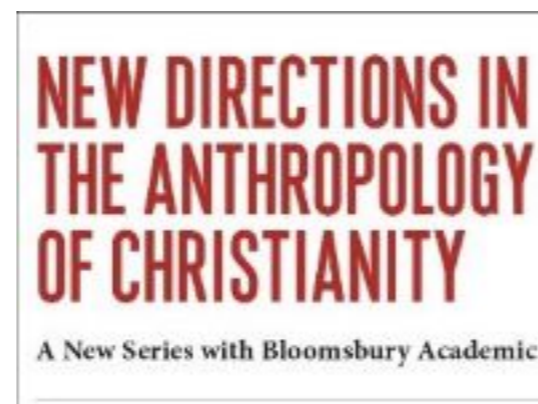
This piece, put out by mission nexus, should be of interest to VMers.  
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**A good neighbour is not one that gives**  
[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/319989775\\_A\\_good\\_neighbour\\_is\\_not\\_one\\_that\\_gives\\_detachments\\_ethics\\_and\\_the\\_relational\\_self\\_in\\_kenya](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/319989775_A_good_neighbour_is_not_one_that_gives_detachments_ethics_and_the_relational_self_in_kenya)

This article, by Tom Neumark, has a surprising pertinence to vulnerable mission. It is entitled "A good neighbour is not one that gives": detachment, ethics, and the relational self in Kenya, and is freely available at the url below. Residents of a slum in Nairobi have, according to Neumark, realised that 'generosity' can result in a loss of close relationship.

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**Christianity under the anthropological microscope**  
<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/series/new-directions-in-the-anthropology-of-christianity/>

Anthropologists are these days bucking the long term trend underlying their tradition, of presupposing themselves as the 'norm', and everyone else as strange and worthy of study. The last 15 years or so have seen Christianity itself under the anthropological microscope. If you are a scholar, you can contribute to this trend.

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Spring 2022: **75th**

**Reaching Tribal People**  
 Harries, Jim, 2022, 'From the Need for Blood to the Need for Vulnerable Mission: Reaching Tribal People,' 15-21 in: Asian Missions Advance, Quarterly Bulletin of the Asia Missions Association, 75, Spring 2022.

[http://www.asiamissions.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/AMA75\\_JimHarries.pdf](http://www.asiamissions.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/AMA75_JimHarries.pdf)

See this article, that seeks to use experience in Africa to inform missionaries in Asia.

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**Stop! English in Africa**  
<https://www.academia.edu/s/80a51d8074?source=link>  
 Stop! English in Africa, is the title to this discussion on [academia.edu](http://www.academia.edu) recently launched by Jim Harries. Go here to participate in the already sharp debate going on.

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