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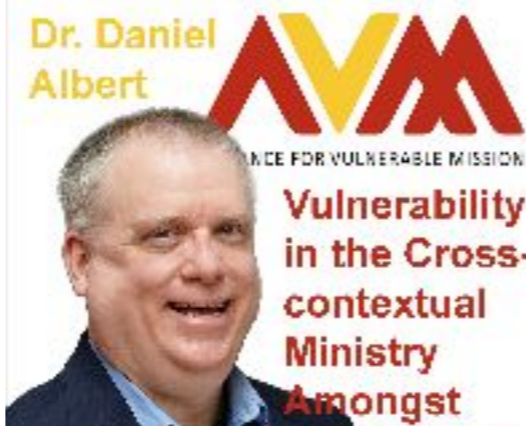
The Alliance for Vulnerable Mission encourages some missionaries from the West to engage in their ministries using local languages and resources.



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Join us at our next quarterly AVM webinar:

"Vulnerability in the Cross-contextual Ministry Amongst the Chinese"

Speaker: Daniel Albert, former long-time worker in China

When: Saturday, 22nd October 2022

Time: 14:00 (London Time)

Sign up using this form for free and we will send you a Zoom link.

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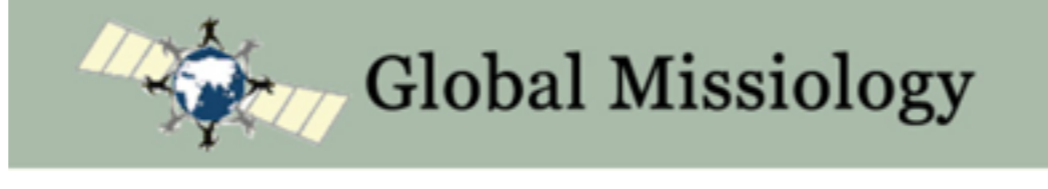


Vulnerability vs. Corinthian Values: Modern Ministry Thought and Practice at Home and Abroad.

<http://ojs.globalmissiology.org/index.php/english/article/view/2690/6625>

This article by Chris Sadowitz, is based on the presentation he gave at our 2021 conference: Sadowitz, Chris, 2022, 'Vulnerability vs. Corinthian Values: Modern Ministry Thought and Practice at Home and Abroad.' Published by *Global Missiology*, Chris's article opens: "Popular ministry and mission methods are often weighed pragmatically, but what is harder to evaluate are the underlying values upon which methodologies in ministry are constructed; Such values, at least in contemporary Western cultures, include strength over weakness, wealth over poverty, and visible over less-visible results. Instead of these culturally varied polarities, however, the Apostle Paul insists that the values and methodologies of gospel ministry mirror vulnerability, something which is initially unnatural to current ministry thinking and practice."

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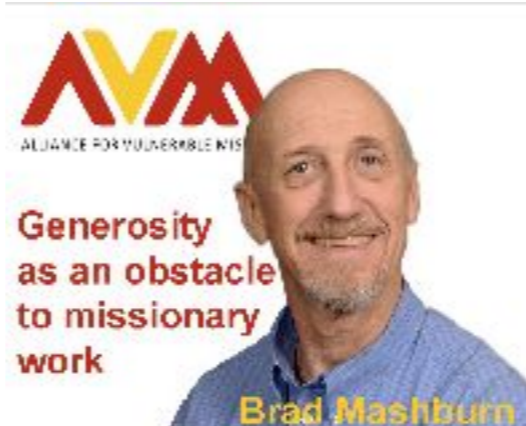
Vulnerable Mission in Africa: Why Some of Today's Intercultural Missionaries Should Restrict Themselves to Local Languages and Resources.

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Global Missiology, www.globalmissiology.org July 2022.

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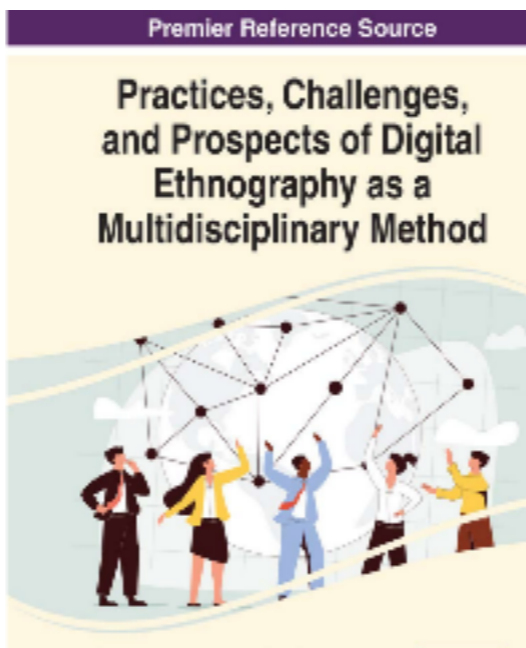


Missed our July AVM webinar?

"Generosity as an obstacle to missionary work: Learning to be generous without being a patron"

See again: <https://youtu.be/PTPKy2YbM-I>

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Interpreting Cross-Cultural Digital Ethnography: The Need to Consider Local and Religious Context

Go to: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Practices-Challenges-Prospects-Ethnography-Multidisciplinary/dp/1668460254> to buy the book on amazon.

Jim's critique of digital ethnography is published as follows. Harries, Jim, 2022, 'Interpreting Cross-Cultural Digital Ethnography: The Need to Consider Local and Religious Context, 33-50 in: Jahid Siraz Chowdhury, Haris Abd Wahab, Rashid Mohd Saad, Parimal Kumar Roy, and Joseph Wronka, (eds) Practices, Challenges, and Prospects of Digital Ethnography as a Multidisciplinary Method, Hershey PA: IGI Global. (Anyone wanting a personal copy of his chapter please contact Jim directly.)

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Furlough Announcement

Jim Harries is planning to be in Germany and the UK for the months of October and November 2022. His programme is to be as follows. He welcomes additional visitors, and additional engagements.

Conference in Germany, 7-9.10.22 ([Link](#))

Worpswede, Germany, 10-16.10.22

Conference in Germany, 17-20.10.22 ([Link](#))

Andover, UK, 21-31.10.22 ([Link](#))

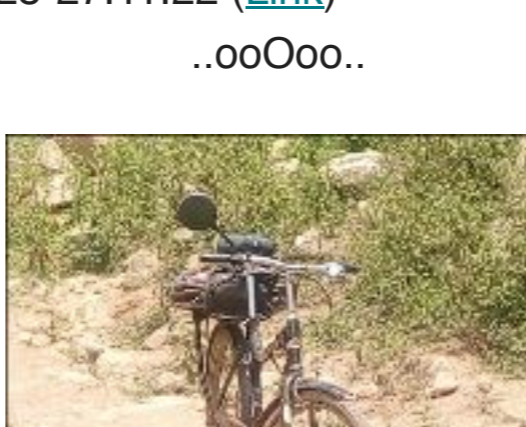
Norwich, 5-7.11.22 ([Link](#))

Wantage, 12-16.11.22 ([Link](#))

York, 17-22.11.22 ([Link](#))

Conference in Germany, 25-27.11.22 ([Link](#))

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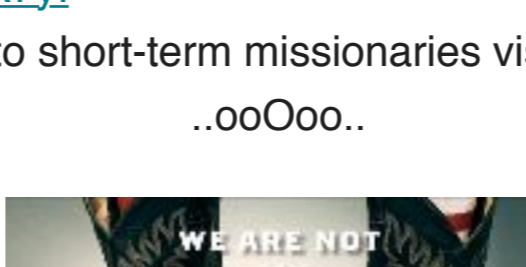


Message to Short-term Missionaries

<https://youtu.be/jU1BXiAX7yI>

Message by Jim Harries to short-term missionaries visiting Kenya, in July 2022.

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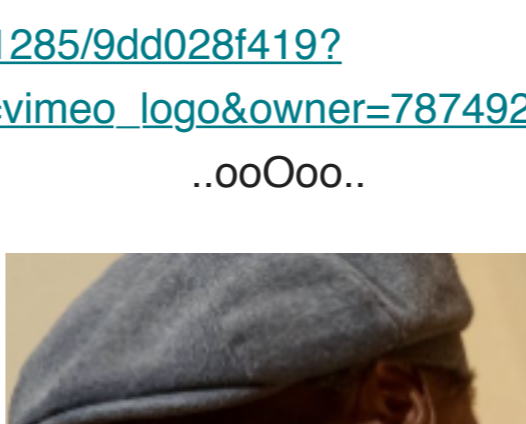


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Sprache ist Macht: Afrikanische vs. koloniale Sprachen

<https://www.gfbv.de/de/zeitschriftfuervielfalt/328-sprache-ist-macht-rettet-die-sprachen/afrikanische-vs-koloniale-sprache/>

Zwischen verschiedenen Sprachen besteht nie ein Machtverhältnis, das kolonial bedingt ist. Diese Kluft müssen wir überwinden. Ein Plädoyer für Sprachenpluralismus und die Entkolonialisierung von Sprache(n) (In: Fuer Menschen Rechte Weltweit)

Von Nadja Grossenbacher

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Review: No Shortcut to Success: A Manifesto for Modern Missions

<https://www.amazon.com/No-Shortcut-Success-Manifesto-Missions/dp/1433577755>

"This book, by Matt Rhodes, is the closest statement to vulnerable mission I have ever found in book form, written by someone who had never heard of vulnerable mission," suggests Jim Harries. He has reviewed the book ([link](#)). To participate in a discussion based on Jim's review, go [here](#). Matt Rhodes, a missionary to North Africa, advocates for up to five years of full-time language learning before engaging in ministry. He provides a critique especially of mission 'movements'.

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