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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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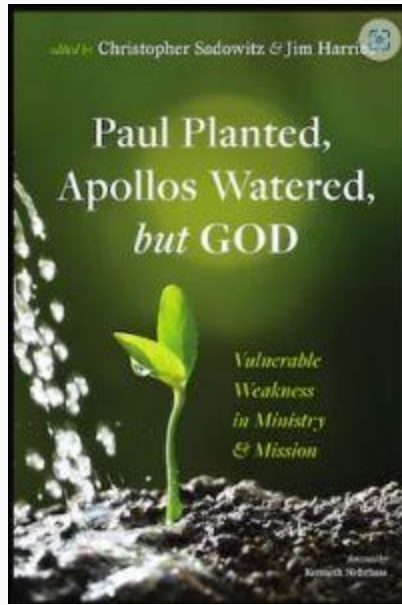
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**Webinar, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Andy McCullough.**

Details and registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/avm-webinar-with-andy-mccullough-tickets-736593780827?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

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**Paul Planted, Apollos Watered, but God.**

<https://wipfandstock.com/9781666764277/paul-planted-apollos-watered-but-god/>

This is it! Finally a multi-author book on vulnerable mission! Follow the link above. That will also take you to the Amazon and other links. This 246 page book will set you back just £24. The editors are Chris Sadowitz – missionary in Japan since 1993, and Jim Harries – missionary in East Africa since 1988. Multiple authors have contributed to making this the most diverse comprehensive multi-author articulation of the need for vulnerable mission in book form yet.

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**The Angel's Dilemma: If humanitarianism is political, what are its politics?**

<https://thebaffler.com/salvos/the-angels-dilemma-craze>

This article, written by Joshua Craze, explores contrary impacts of humanitarian assistance to Sudan. The 'angels' facing the dilemma, are humanitarian workers. They have bound themselves to four laws: 1. Alleviate suffering. 2. Be impartial. 3. Be neutral. 4. Be independent. Their interpretation of those laws guides the way they look after (enormous numbers of!) refugees in the Sudan. The outcome: "All too often providing basic needs to people has resulted in the humanitarian sector preventing refugees from achieving a more holistic version of a flourishing life, one in which they are not reduced to mere survival." The shape of poverty in the 'South', Craze explains, is dictated by the politics of the North ...

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**Theological Education with an Indigenous Gait, Africa.**

<https://youtu.be/Avwqt1wx9ws>

Routine functioning in one's own society, is as easy as walking across a lawn, this article suggests. Thriving in an unfamiliar community being more difficult, is compared to the experience of walking across rough ground with tufts of grass, hidden bogs, boulders, holes, and so on. Paper presented by Jim Harries 13th October 2023, Evangelical Missiological Society conference, Dallas Theological Seminary, 13th to 14th October 2023.

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**Advance Notice.**

<https://www.emsweb.org/>

The 2024 annual EMS (Evangelical Missiological Society) conference will again be held in Dallas, at the Dallas Theological Seminary, on 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

- Those interested in presenting, see [here](#), for how to prepare and then present a paper at a regional event in advance of the national conference.

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**THEME - Language Learning in Multiples: *Multiple Languages, Multiple Modalities, and Multiple Intelligences***

Conference.









**DATES:** February 22-24, 2024 (All Online)

**RATES:** \$140

*Scholarship - \$25 registration cost for passport holders of countries defined by the World Bank as “low”, “lower-middle” or “upper middle” income economy. (Jim Harries and Marcus Grohmann will be amongst the speakers at this conference.)*

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<p>25<sup>th</sup> January 2024: Andy McCullough</p> <p><b>Demons come back</b> Why we're sometimes not as humble as we think we are, and how God can help us to do better</p>  	<p>18<sup>th</sup> April 2024: Tamie Davis</p> <p><b>Truth in contextual ministry</b> Relative, different or expanded?</p>  
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**Upcoming webinars in 2024**

Details and registration: <https://www.vulnerablemission.org/quarterly-webinar>

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