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* Ajith Fernando compares his experiences in Sri Lanka with those in the West. He writes a 'theology of suffering' of great interest to those of us concerned with vulnerable mission: <http://www.christianitytoday.com/globalconversation/august2010/index.html>

* 'Orality' has proved to be one of the emphases that has acquired popularity in the Lausanne conversation. Here is a resource looking at orality in mission: A new book, "Using Heart Language to Transform Hearts," prepared for the 2010 Lausanne meeting in Cape Town, SA on Oct. 17-25, has gone to the printers! To download a portion of the book, go to: <http://www.heartstories.info> .

* See here for an article that attempts to encapsulate much about the importance of vulnerable mission for Africa. It compares a forest with a vegetable plot as a way of explaining the importance of African languages: Harries, Jim, (2010.) 'Witchcraft, Culture, and Theology Pertaining to African Development.' *African Nebula*. Volume 1, Number 2. August 2010. http://www.nobleworld.biz/images/Harries_Witchcraft.pdf .

* To learn more about a vulnerable mission event at Norwich Central Baptist Church on 11th October 2010 go to: <http://www.vulnerablemission.com/norwich-event/>

* Please see here for details on a book on Christian 'development' that includes a Chapter by Jim Harries: http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0865850275/ref=olp_product_details?ie=UTF8&me=&seller= (Harries, Jim, (2009.) 'International Development Without Money? Some Theological Reflections.' 175-187 In: Snodderly, Beth, (ed.) *The Goal of International Development: God's Will on Earth as It Is in Heaven*. Pasadena: WCIU Press.) (Available for \$9.03 from Amazon.)

* The Post Colonial Network have a new website: <http://postcolonialnetworks.com/> The Postcolonial Network is committed to rethinking postcolonial studies in a way that rejects postcolonial orthodoxy. The PN hopes to model the "interweaving set of interests" and a "network of conversations among those who are determined to undo the colonial mutations of power".

* Jim Harries was able to attend a day-workshop arranged by [servants asia](http://www.servantsasia.org) in London on the 26th September this year. This organisation (www.servantsasia.org) has emerged out of the work of Viv Grigg (www.urbanleaders.org) and focuses on sending Christian workers into slums in Asian and Western cities. Their philosophy of ministry include much that is advocated by us in the Alliance for Vulnerable Mission.