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CONFERENCES / EVENTS

- The UK Conference on VM, 14th to 16th November 2013 is to be held at NCBC (Norwich Central Baptist Church) in Norwich, Norfolk, UK.
It will run from noon on Thursday 14th to 2.00pm on Saturday 16th November. Early bird discount available. Price and other details to be announced shortly. Early applicants may be offered accommodation with local church members. (Write to tvreeves@yahoo.co.uk)
- USA conference, 24th September 2013, WCIU (William Carey International University). **WORKSHOP: Doing Mission Partnerships Better – with Africa/Asia/Latin America ...** Speakers to include Stan Nussbaum, Jean Johnson, Jim Harries. There will be a focus on helping agencies to better their partnering practices. usa@vulnerablemission.org
- *Those people wanting to present papers at the UK conference in November please submit your abstracts to jim@vulnerablemission.org before May 2013.*

- See here for promotion of the UK conference on vulnerable mission, featuring Jean Johnson, to be held November 14th to 16th 2013: http://networknorwich.co.uk/Articles/348380/Network_Norwich_and_Norfolk/Resources/Events/International_partnerships_conference.aspx
- See about half way down this list of seminars for Jim Harries' seminar to be presented at the Overseas Ministries Study Centre New Haven, CT, USA in October 2013: <http://omsc.org/seminars.shtml> (Participants welcome. Cost \$95.)

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TO VULNERABLE MISSION!



See <http://missiodeijournal.com/> for this Journal, *Missio Dei*, that includes numerous papers presented at the March 2012 vulnerable mission conference held in Abilene in Texas.

Preface to the issue by Chris Flanders, AVM executive board member:
<http://missiodeijournal.com/article.php?issue=md-4-1&author=md-4-1-preface>

Article by Jim Harries on the necessity of the use of indigenous languages, in relation to the presence of witchcraft and presupposed monistic philosophy:
<http://missiodeijournal.com/article.php?issue=md-4-1&author=md-4-1-harries>

Greg McKinzie critiques vulnerable mission from a Latin American context:
<http://missiodeijournal.com/article.php?issue=md-4-1&author=md-4-1-mckinzie>

Jean Johnson's book *We are not the Hero* is reviewed here:
<http://missiodeijournal.com/article.php?issue=md-4-1&author=md-4-1-mcgraw>

Jean Johnson's excellent article about *using what is in your hand* is here:
<http://missiodeijournal.com/article.php?issue=md-4-1&author=md-4-1-johnson>

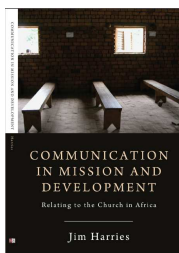
And much much more!! Please explore, read, and leave your comments!

<http://missiodeijournal.com/>

- Steve Saint tells us that “giving handouts creates more problems than it solves”. Take a look and add a comment!
<http://www.missionfrontiers.org/issue/article/projecting-poverty-where-it-doesnt-exist>

Four of Jim’s recently written articles, now published for the first time, are listed below:

- We want our missionaries to tell us the truth about the contexts they are in, but sometimes this is not possible, suggests Jim Harries, in this short but provocative article entitled ‘Gagged’. It is posted here: <http://www.jim-mission.org.uk/articles/gagged.pdf>
- “For a preacher who implicitly represents western wealth to make a heavy emphasis on spiritual activities such as miracles and demon casting is therefore effectively to communicate untruth” suggests Jim Harries in this article entitled ‘Critiquing the Holistic Gospel’: <http://www.jim-mission.org.uk/articles/holistic-galatians.pdf>
- Jim Harries recently wrote a short introductory essay to vulnerable mission, entitled simply ‘Why be Vulnerable? Development and Mission in Africa’, which can be found here: <http://www.jim-mission.org.uk/articles/why-vulnerable-mission.pdf>
- First presented at the 2012 UK vulnerable mission conference, this article entitled ‘The Need for use of Local Languages and Resources in Mission to Africa’ by Jim Harries is now available here: <http://www.jim-mission.org.uk/articles/need.pdf> The article articulates important reasons for vulnerable mission in succinct form.



- This is the front cover for Jim’s new book. Look out for this title, from Wipf and Stock, very soon.

- This piece, from Mission Frontiers, gives us some in-depth insights into some issues in translation of terms like father and son, that can help us to grasp the importance of having a close knowledge of local languages when engaging in Christian ministry. <http://www.missionfrontiers.org/blog/post/translating-familial-biblical-terms>
- For a list of Jim Harries’ articles with links to urls where many of them can be found, see here: <http://www.jim-mission.org.uk/articles-promote.pdf>

- An article about Henry Nouwen, in the German language, telling how only vulnerable people can heal: <http://www.jim-mission.org.uk/rundbrief/Nur-Verwundete-k%C3%B6nnen-heilen-Ueber-HNouwen.pdf>
- For a summary consideration comparing different views on how dependency is created see: Part 1: Lean on Me: The Problem of Dependency, Part 2: Walk with Me: The Path to Interdependency, Article Summary and Review by Moving Missions see: <http://movingmissions.org/wp-content/pdfs/path-to-interdependency-article-review.pdf>