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- **Vulnerable Mission Conference**, Norwich, UK. 14th to 16th November 2013.
- **Vulnerable Mission workshop**, William Carey International University, California, 24th September 2013.

Please write these dates in your diary.

SEE BELOW FOR CALL FOR PAPERS FOR VULNERABLE MISSION CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP 2013

- See here for two articles on VM posted in **Global Missiology**:
<http://www.globalmissiology.org/>

The article entitled **Vulnerable Mission Strategies** by Stan Nussbaum concludes by asking “Should we complement the weak vulnerable mission of the Majority World church with our strength, or should we forego our strength and copy the vulnerable mission that the Majority World uses by necessity?”
<http://ojs.globalmissiology.org/index.php/english/article/view/1135/2629>

The article by Jim Harries is entitled: **The Immorality of the Promotion of Non-Indigenous Languages in Africa**. Jim concludes, amongst other things, that the use of European languages contributes to corruption in Africa.
<http://ojs.globalmissiology.org/index.php/english/article/viewFile/1137/2635>

- This article is now available on line: Harries, Jim. 2012. "Witchcraft, Envy, Development, and Christian Mission in Africa." *Missiology: An International Review* 40(2): 129–139. See: <http://mis.sagepub.com/content/40/2/129.full.pdf+html>
- From “the late 60’s, a very small group of determined individuals in India, coming out of a sound educational system, felt it necessary to look for alternative ways of living, thinking and looking for rural solutions.” ... For more information about ‘Barefoot College’ see here: <http://www.barefootcollege.org/about/>
- See here for the seven worst aid ideas! <http://matadornetwork.com/change/7-worst-international-aid-ideas/>
- Here’s some travel reports by Richard Stupart that may be of interest: <http://matadornetwork.com/trips/6-tips-for-your-first-trip-to-africa/>
<http://matadornetwork.com/notebook/strangeness-being-pegged-an-american-in-sudan/>
- A blog by Jim Harries, posted by WCIU (William Carey International University). This discusses the imperative of the use of African languages in formal education in Africa. <http://www.wciujournal.org/blog/post/integrated-learning-and-education-a-view-from-east-africa>
- Please try to find time to look at this fascinating initiative on ‘poverty cure’: <http://www.povertycure.org/principles/>

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The AVM (Alliance for Vulnerable Mission) was founded in 2007. It has close informal links with organisations such as WEA (World Evangelical Alliance), World Mission Associates, SIL, Abilene Christianity University, and many others. The AVM ran conferences in 2009 and again in 2012 in USA, UK and Germany.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Conference to be held at Norwich Central Baptist Church in Norwich, UK, 14th to 16th November 2013.

NCBC is an historic church in an ancient Christian town with an incredible history which we intend to help you to explore.

We will be having a workshop on a similar theme, 24th September 2013 at WCIU, Pasadena, California. More information here:

<http://www.vulnerablemission.org/workshop-vulnerable-mission-william-carey-international-university-california-24th-september-2013/>

Submit abstracts to jim@vulnerablemission.org before May 2013.

Papers due before October 2013.

Working title: ***Through the Eyes of Vulnerable Mission;***
 using ‘vulnerable’ principles in various missions’ contexts

We are looking for people to present papers and/or lead seminars/discussions to:

- point to the advisability of vulnerable mission practices,
- advocate how vulnerable mission is to be implemented, or
- provide theoretical background to the above.



We are defining vulnerable mission as; Christian mission (or development intervention) from the Western world to places or people outside of the West *that is carried out using local languages and local resources.*

- the AVM (Alliance for Vulnerable Mission) believes that **some** Western missionaries ought to operate in this way. We are not saying that this is the only way of doing mission, but we are saying that it is important to explore and encourage vulnerable ways of working.
- we are seeking contributions to the conference that will promote vulnerable methodologies. We are therefore not looking for formulas on how to do mission using English. We are not looking for ways of using superior Western resources. Instead we are advocating partnerships in which ministry is funded using resources of indigenous origin and engaged using indigenous and not European languages.



We are looking for contributions that show **interaction of the below** (please add your own suggestions to this list) **with vulnerable mission:**

Dependency with vulnerable mission
Mission to Muslims with vulnerable mission
Economics with ... etc.
Short term mission
Secularism
The Roman Catholic church
The Orthodox church
Contextualisation
Youth in Mission
Partnerships
Pentecostalism
Education
Medical services
Others ...

Please write to jim@vulnerablemission.org with your suggestions if you are interested in participating in the above.

