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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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Official report on the recent USA vulnerable mission conference, pending till January 2018.



Ten of us gathered for a 3-day consultation (conference) looking at vulnerable mission as a means of overcoming neo-colonial practices, 8th to 11th November, at Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge, PA. I hope to include a more comprehensive report on this in the next edition of the AVM Bulletin.



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Note the above flier, with details of our anticipated vulnerable mission conference to be held in UK next year. WELCOME TO ALL. Please put the above dates into your diary! ([Get your pdf copy of this flier here.](#))

Edited by Vivian Cook and Li Wei

Contemporary Applied Linguistics

Language Teaching and Learning

Volume 1

- Coulmas, Florian, 2009, 'Language and Economy', Chapter 2, 28-45 in: W. Li and V Cook (eds), *Contemporary Applied Linguistics (volume 2), Language for the real world*. London: Continuum. Request your copy of this article [here](#) .

- this chapter begins to point to ways in which choice of language profoundly influences the nature and out-workings of economics. This is a refreshing critique of those who otherwise consider economics to draw on 'objective' truths. (The author seems not to realise many additional ways in which language affects economics – editor.)



- See [here](#) for a video recording of a lecture that Jim recently gave at Eastern University in the USA. (About 50 minutes including question / discussion time.)

The blurb about the video: Dr. Jim Harries, Missionary in Kenya (East Africa) and Chairman, Alliance for Vulnerable Mission. **"Dramatic Insights: Vulnerable Cross-cultural Mission Service in Africa over 30 years."** Opening story: 'How to be mistaken for God in an African supermarket.' An agriculturalist called to services in the majority world commits for lifetime service. Africa is not what he expected. The agriculturalist becomes a bible teacher. Mission senders do not want their people to be vulnerable. What to do: you've been called by God, but authorities don't agree? The honourable option is to carry on, not in defiance, but in weakness. From a position of vulnerability on the field, amazing things begin to be evident. What is called anti-racism in the West, is flattening the truth in Africa! Visiting scholars and missionaries who use English, with money to give, might get the wrong end of the stick. Contemporary systems of sending Western missionaries are epistemologically faulty. If the system is set up to deny the truth of Christ, then there's a problem with the system.

- Jim Harries recently completed his 10-week visit to the USA. For sequential reports on his visit, including some personal news, click below.

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Picture is of Jim at banquet of bible translation conference, Dallas, October 2017.