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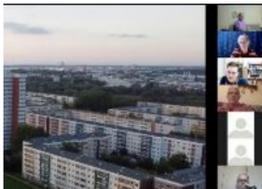


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The Alliance for Vulnerable Mission encourages some missionaries from the West to engage in their ministries using local languages and resources.



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**1st AVM Webinar. 20th January 2022.**  
<https://youtu.be/4BlsvOAGPFk> (Presentations from the Webinar)  
<https://www.haltepunkt-e.de/> (Gerrit's web site - in German)

Gerrit van Dijk (3rd down) with his family have moved from Holland to a post socialist and economically deprived suburb of Rostock, in Northeast Germany. They have chosen to live in the neighbourhood and to unlearn educated middle class language and thinking to help them engage with listening, and community building through street cafes and BBQs. Local people themselves contribute practically and even as street theatre actors in events that are welcomed by those who wouldn't be seen dead in traditional church.

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**A case for Vulnerable Mission, presented in the Arabic language.**  
<https://youtu.be/SADfbl5EqJ4> (video in Arabic)

This 10 minute presentation, that I am assured articulates the need for vulnerable mission practices in today's intercultural Christian outreach using Arabic, is made by a Coptic missionary in Kenya, Michael Ezzat. (Michael also promotes the fact that he wants to teach Swahili in a series of subsequent videos.)

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**Weaving Threads of Reconciliation from Indigenous Memories.**  
<https://infemit.org/weaving-threads-reconciliation/>

This video, part of the promotional content put out by Infemit, the International Fellowship for Mission as Transformation, represents an effort by indigenous people in Latin America at reaching out to the West. Entitled Weaving Threads of Reconciliation from Indigenous Memories, the video is in Spanish, with English subtitles. To me it brings a challenge – why are native Latin Americans obliged to use a European language, translated into another European language, to try to get their point across? I wonder what content is being lost, and what is being added, perhaps inadvertently, in the course of translation? I hope we also have Europeans who are able to translate between 'their' indigenous languages in indigenous settings. Thanks to infemit for the efforts they are making to assist indigenous people to communicate.

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**Spearheading Today's Theological Education.**  
<https://www.durham.ac.uk/departments/academic/common-awards/research/research-network/>

Follow this link for work done by the Anglican church, in association with other denominations, in the UK, in spearheading today's theological education. (Perhaps VM could be a future theme to explore in

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**How Western Anti-Racism Harms Africa and how we can do Better.**  
<https://www.faithbuilders.org.uk/product/how-western-anti-racism-harms-africa-and-how-we-can-do-better/>

Jim Harries latest book, How Western Anti-racism harms Africa and How we can do Better, is now available from the publisher using this link. The price from the publisher is just £9.99 per book, plus postage and packing.

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