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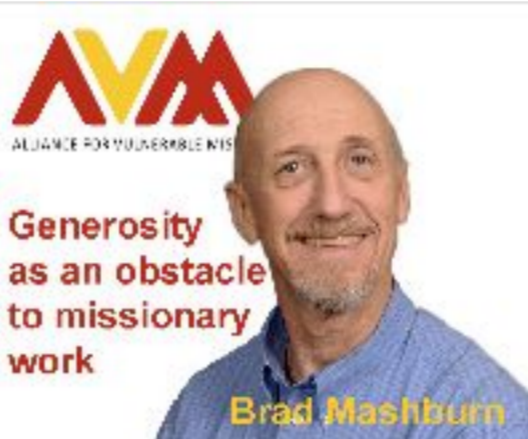


Table with 3 columns: AVM Board, Name, Advisory Board. Rows include Jim Harries (chair), Peter Stagg (finance), Nick Henwood (communications), Daniel Albert, Andy Dipper, Frank Paul, Deborah Bernhard, John Macdonald (on leave), Chris Flanders, Stan Chu Ilo, Jay Gary, Jean Johnson.

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



Please suggest contributions to this Bulletin to jim@vulnerablemission.org This month's contents: Webinar: Generosity as an obstacle to missionary work. New Item: The Case against English in Africa and the Majority World, and Its Implication for Christian Mission Today. "Ukraine and its allies, including London, are threatening Russia for the last 1,000 years." The Realities of Money and Missions. How God Becomes Real.



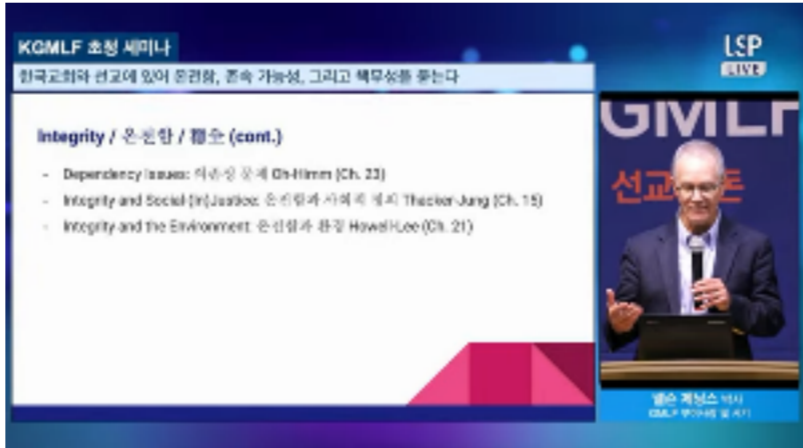
Join us at our next quarterly AVM webinar: "Generosity as an obstacle to missionary work: Learning to be generous without being a patron" Speaker: Brad Mashburn, working in Senegal When: Thursday, 21st July, 2022 Time: 14:00 (London Time) Sign up using this form for free and we will send you a Zoom link. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5RGlpwN1Yh_LLb2KYraBxxh7ImB6BQRQaR-i7Ff8Bwxk6JQ/viewform



Oxford Centre for Mission Studies online Montagu Barker Lecture, Tues 21st June 2022, 14:00-15:30 UK time. The Case against English in Africa and the Majority World, and Its Implication for Christian Mission Today - Jim Harries. If you are interested in attending this free lecture, get more info by signing up with OCMS: https://www.ocms.ac.uk/get-involved/keep-in-touch/



"Ukraine and its allies, including London, are threatening Russia for the last 1,000 years." This BBC report tells us that: "Ukraine and its allies, including London, are threatening Russia for the last 1,000 years, to move NATO to our borders, to cancel our culture - they have bullied us for many, many years." (Issue: translation.) Part of me wants to say 'yes!' when I read this. It seems the West doesn't realise what a bully it is! All around the world, 'we' think we are better. Well, that's kind of 'OK' but why force other people to agree with us? Can't they agree of their own accord? "Well, it isn't quite so simple" I think I can hear you say. "After all, if we don't make sure people are 'on our side', then the chances are that they will go onto the other side." Nevertheless, I think there are lessons to be learned. The basis for the West's 'superiority', if it is that, is its Christianity, i.e., especially it's Protestantism. Yet - Jesus was no bully. He didn't force people to use his language and didn't 'buy' people into compliance, as the West so often does today. (If you think African countries haven't been 'bullied' into use of European languages, read this article: Alexander, Neville, 1999. 'English Unassailable but Unattainable: the dilemma of language policy in South African Education.' Paper presented at the Biennial Conference of the International Federation for the Teaching of English (University of Warwick, England, UK, July 7-10, 1999). http://eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/recordDetail?accno=ED444151



The Realities of Money and Missions. Book Launch. This book was recently launched in Korea: Bonk, Jonathan J., and DiStefano, Michel G., and Jennings, J. Nelson, The Realities of Money and Missions: Global Challenges and Case Studies (Kglfm). Pasadena: William Carey Publishing. One of the chapters in this book is by Jim Harries: Harries, Jim, 2022, 'Integrity is Illusive: Intercultural Gospel Work Needs to be Vulnerable to Allow Indigenous Free Self-Expression.' For AVM supporter's discussion on the paper in this book by Jim Harries, see 1 hour and 10 minutes to 1 hour and 20 minutes. This is followed by discussion of unhealthy dependency that sometimes results from Korean mission, according to Robert Oh, a scholar who is also well informed about vulnerable mission. 1 hour 22 minutes and 30 seconds, begins to look at social justice then other themes.



How God Becomes Real. This is a partial review of: Luhrmann, Tanya M., 2020, How God Becomes Real: kindling the presence of invisible others. Oxford: Princeton University Press by Jim Harries. Jim questions Lurhmann's presuppositions regarding the nature of 'reality'. (Tanya Luhrmann is a well-known professor of anthropology and psymchology, who has done a great deal of research on religion and Christianity. Jim's review reveals the massive bias in her work arising from her rooting it in dubious ontological assumptions.) - A closely related fascinating discussion on a very similar theme continues here: https://www.academia.edu/s/8692164bbf