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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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This month's contents:

- We're not the Hero - Common missionary traps and ways to avoid them, in order to share Christ, not a culture of dependency.
- Challenged by Coloniality: How white people imagine and practice reconciliation in a culturally diverse church in Cape Town.
- Communication and culture: some insights necessary for effective reconnecting with one's roots.
- Global Humility.



Join us at our next quarterly AVM webinar:

We're not the Hero - Common missionary traps and ways to avoid them, in order to share Christ, not a culture of dependency.

<https://www.vulnerablemission.org/quarterly-webinar>

Speaker: **Jean Johnson**

When: **Thursday, 20th April 2023**

Time: 14:00 London Time (BST)

Sign up using this form for free and we will send you a Zoom link.

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Challenged by Coloniality: How white people imagine and practice reconciliation in a culturally diverse church in Cape Town.

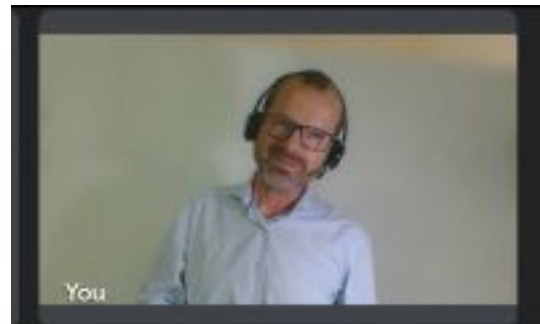
<https://www.jcrs.uni-jena.de/team/marcus-grohmann>

For a link to the recording of this lecture and subsequent discussion, write to Marcus at: marcus.grohmann@gmx.de

Marcus Grohmann, active AVM member, presented this lecture over zoom on 13th February 2023. A presentation of his PhD research formed the basis for a wide-ranging discussion that included many scholars from South Africa as well as Germany, and elsewhere. The key theme, was how to bring about racial reconciliation in South Africa. Marcus used an insightful analysis of how language is used, to challenge what have become 'traditional' approaches to such reconciliation. What can appear to be reconciled communities, mixed-race churches having been in focus, can in effect be hidden expressions of ongoing Western control! Marcus advocated challenging prescriptions to resolve today's reconciliation deadlock. He challenges white South Africans to facilitate ongoing reconciliation by linguistically and geographically moving onto indigenous people's territory.

<https://www.transformative-religion.de/> (you may have to click on archive events)

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Communication and culture: some insights necessary for effective reconnecting with one's roots.

Jim's presentation, entirely in Swahili, can be found here: <https://youtu.be/VVoRFYdztfI>

Hotuba yake Jim, katika Kiswahili, bila mijadala, inapatikana hapa: <https://youtu.be/VVoRFYdztfI>

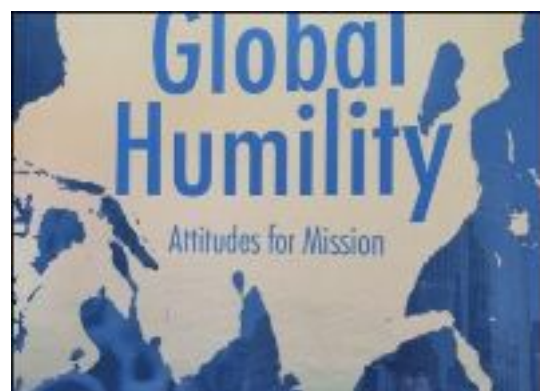
The teacher to this Masters' class in Communication and Culture, Dr. Rebecca Ng'ang'a, invited Dr. Jim Harries to share with her students. The totally-on-line class was a part of the Daystar University in Nairobi. It took place beginning 17.30 hours, up to 21.00 hours, on 22nd February 2023. Jim shared entirely using the Swahili language. All content was translated, by a student volunteer, between Swahili and English.

Mwalimu wa darasa hili juu ya Mawasiliano na Utamaduni, alikuwa Daktari Rebecca Ng'ang'a. Rebecca alimkaribisha Daktari Jim Harries awe mnenaji mgeni. Wanafunzi wote walijunga kupitia mtandao. Mijadala ikaanza saa kumi na moja na nusu jioni. Iliendelea mpaka saa tatu ya usiku, tarehe 22, mwezi wa pili, 2023. Jim aliongea Kiswahili peke yake. Mijadala yote ilitafsiriwa kati ya Kiswahili na Kiingereza na mwanafunzi.

Visiting lecturer Dr. Jim Harries moved from sharing about his own life and ministry, to pointing to many reasons in favour of use of African languages. Although addressed to Kenyan students, his comments were reflections on his long-term practice of the principles of vulnerable mission. In Zambia, Tanzania, and Kenya. Students made many contributions and asked many questions resulting in a long period of live and invigorating discussion.

Daktari Jim Harries alianza kueleza juu ya Maisha yake na huduma yake. Alieleza sababu nyingi za kupendelea matumizi ya lugha za Kiafrika. Ingawa aliwahutubia wanafunzi wa Kenya, matamshi yake yalikuwa tafakari juu ya utendaji wake wa muda mrefu wa kanuni za utume wenye usikivu katika nchi za Zambia, Tanzania na Kenya. Wanafunzi walitoa michango mingi na kuuliza maswali mengi na kusababisha kipindi kirefu cha kushirikiana na kuibua mijadala.

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Global Humility

<https://thebroadcastnetwork.org/courses/global-humility-andy-mccullough/>

Andy McCullough has produced a video series to accompany his book Global Humility. Many of his themes run very closely to vulnerable mission concerns.

Some key themes in the videos from Andy:

- The goal of mission is indigenous expression of ancient truth.
- In Christianity, it's the strong who should change, and not the weak.
- Contextualisation is inversely proportional to responsiveness.
- Jesus spent 30 years listening and 3 years talking. We can't run up with all the answers when we don't even know what the questions are.
- The difference between Christianity and Islam is diversity in incarnation.

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