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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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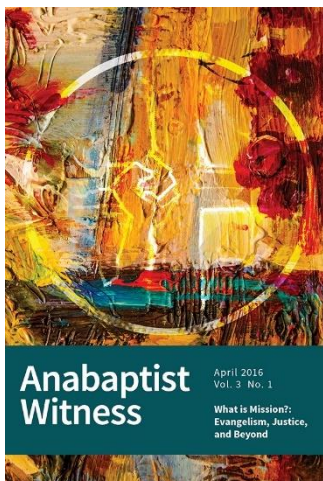
The term ‘vulnerable’ takes off!

The AVM (Alliance for Vulnerable Mission) which myself and a few colleagues founded in 2007, seems to have had an *extraordinary success* in promoting vulnerability in mission. Without having researched it, the term was to my knowledge not really used to describe Christian mission before this time. Nowadays, it is very common. Here’s an editorial by Jamie Pitts to an Anabaptist Journal that recently published the articles below:

“I’m pleased to announce that we’ve released our third issue of *Anabaptist Witness*. It’s titled “What is Mission?: Evangelism, Justice, and Beyond. ... there seems to be an emerging consensus that mission involves vulnerable encounters with others.”



Jamie Pitts, editor of Anabaptist Witness



- An article by Jim Harries on evangelism and social justice is found in *Anabaptist Witness*: [Harries, Jim, 2016, 'Evangelism or Social Justice: reconsidering the case in Africa.' 57-70 In: *Anabaptist Witness, What is mission: evangelism, justice, and beyond*, 3\(1\), April 2016.](#) Here is part of the conclusion: "... deep profound lasting sustainable relevance to a context needs to arise from within that context. Outside inputs must be appropriated in order to speak clearly. Even biblical models of working seemingly do not involve intercultural imposition of outside ideas and practices, but internally driven life transformation. The question of what is appropriate for Africa, between evangelism and social justice, seems to be irresolvable because it presupposes an absent distinction between "religion" and "secularism." Approaches to mission and development vulnerable to local contexts are preferable to parameters of thinking that are designed by "outsiders.""

- See also [Living Vulnerability; Indigenous Perspectives on Evangelism](#), also in *Anabaptist Witness* (3:1), an interview with some indigenous Americans advocating 'vulnerability' to the Western church! In "the Western church ... there's a deep seated pride and an overwhelming desire to control. And the cure for that is vulnerability" says Randy Woodley.



Randy Woodley



- **Global connections describe a mission-trip** as follows: "... Participants will not be provided with or allowed to spend money. Food and accommodation to be arranged as and when required. No mobile phones or other electronic devices will be permitted. Participants should be prepared for harassment, assault and possibly death. The programme is currently short on numbers so please pray for more." Details [here](#).

- **'The future of mission 3: photographs and languages'** is the title of this short blog by Eddie Arthur, that concludes that discussion over mission issues in a country should really be engaged in a national language of that country ... See [here](#).

- People’s consciousness that keeps them desiring prominent use of English in the Philippines is misguided, according to Tupas’ analysis in this article entitled ‘**History, Language planners, and strategies of forgetting: the problem of consciousness in the Philippines**’. Some point out that “the Filipinos today are doing with English what they want to do and without any dictation of outsiders (foreigners)” (p1). Yes, says Tupas, but those people who are in favour of English for their country are misled. Read more [here](#).
- **Should one or should one not help at orphanages** around the world? See [this blog](#) for more discussion on this issue by Anna Mkeon, based on personal experience.



- **Papers, Submissions and Pre-Reading of 6th Micah Global Triennial Consultation (Lima 9.2015) "Integral Mission and Shalom: justice, peace and joy"**

[Confusing Asiku](#)

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[God's Eternal Purpose and Integral Mission](#)

[Hospitality as a Quest for Shalom](#)

[Integral Mission in Bonhoeffer](#)

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- Global Connections is a UK-based missions network supporting the UK church with networking and information. They also put out regular blogs on mission-related issues. While these are not all vulnerable-mission related, many of them are! Please have a look [here](#) and sign up. (See the top right hand quarter of the screen for how to sign up.)
- **Please keep these dates free in your 2017 diary for a vulnerable missions' conference to be held near Pittsburgh in the USA; 6th to 11th November 2017.** This is to be at the Trinity School of Ministry in Ambridge; tsm.edu, together with the Stanway Institute for World Mission and Evangelism. We are looking for partners to share in this conference with us. For more information, please contact Jim at jimoharries@gmail.com

