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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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Themed edition on vulnerable mission

by major missiological journal.

- Global Missiology has an edition just come out themed on VULNERABLE MISSION. See here: www.globalmissiology.org (Vol 3, No 13 (2016): April)



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Here's part of the editorial by Enoch Wan (editor):

“... ‘Vulnerable Mission’ is one of the many ways and means to carry out the Great Commission. It might be controversial to some; yet we have chosen it as the theme for this issue with papers from Jim Harries and Jean Johnson to address it.”

To Compromise on Missionary Vulnerability in Africa? - A Response to Critics of 'Vulnerable Mission' by Jim Harries here:

<http://ojs.globalmissiology.org/index.php/english/article/view/1881/4187>

"Look at Us" (Acts 3:4): The Missionary Image and Its Implications by Jean Johnson here:

<http://ojs.globalmissiology.org/index.php/english/article/view/1882/4190>

Building Castles in the Sky: A Case for the Use of Indigenous Languages (and Resources) in Western Mission-partnerships to Africa by Jim Harries here:

<http://ojs.globalmissiology.org/index.php/english/article/view/1883/4192>

- An article entitled ‘Mission Agencies as Multinationals’, published in 1983, seems to be of great relevance to vulnerable mission:
<http://ibm.sagepub.com/content/7/4/152.full.pdf+html>

Samuel, Vinay and Sugden, Chris, 1983, ‘Mission Agencies as Multinationals’, 152-155 in: *International Bulletin for Missionary Research*, 7/4, October 1983.

“Multinational mission agencies find it very hard to listen to critical questions raised by the Scripture about their activities. They have their own limited agenda, and plead that they must fulfil their supporters' expectations. A recommendation at a recent international conference that relief and development agencies might try to educate First-World supporters about the real situation in the Third World, and its relation to the First World, was greeted by a prediction that 90 percent of the agencies' income would disappear if such programs were introduced” (Samuel and Sugden 1983:154).

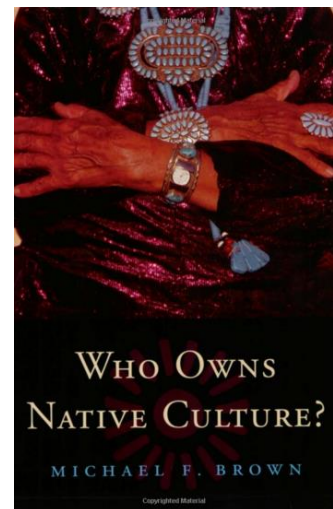
- **Anne Dyer**, active member of the AVM, would appreciate your prayers as she is looking after her husband who has recently had a debilitating stroke.

- **Coptic Orthodox missionary Joseph Seda**, working in Nigeria, reports on a small success in encouraging a local school to teach using the indigenous language Efik: “... I visited the school for my 2nd time, and they were breaking for a few weeks. The Deacon Gabriel told the school before they dismissed them, that starting when they get back they will have an Efik class to learn how to read and write. Now it is not a complete success, because most of their lessons will be in English, but it's a small success; well, we hope so and not just for my benefit.”



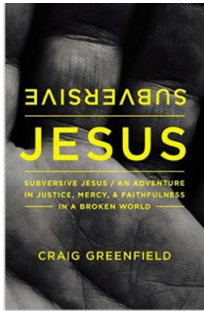
Joseph Seda, Coptic Orthodox Church, Nigeria.

- See here for an article entitled: ‘ **The greatness of this vulnerable One** ’ written by Mennonite missionary to Spain, Dennis Byler:
https://serve.mennonitemission.net/serve/Pages/The-greatness-of-this-vulnerable-One.aspx?utm_source=Network+News&utm_campaign=f7646d3de7-New_Network_News_2_19_2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3dc6e54e8b-f7646d3de7-2001501
- An article encouraging mission, especially by Anglicans, by AVM executive board member Rev. John Macdonald:
<http://www.tsm.edu/sites/default/files/Faculty%20Writings/Macdonald%20-%20Mission%20-%20At%20a%20Turning%20Point.pdf>
- **Who Owns Native Culture?** <http://www.amazon.com/Owns-Native-Culture-Michael-Brown/dp/0674016335> “The author proposes alternative strategies for defending the heritage of vulnerable native communities without blocking the open communication essential to the life of pluralist democracies. *Who Owns Native Culture?* is a lively, accessible introduction to questions of cultural ownership, group privacy, intellectual property, and the recovery of indigenous identities.”



- This flier for promotion of Jim’s latest book is available here:
<http://www.vulnerablemission.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/new-foundations-flier.pdf>

- http://www.amazon.com/Subversive-Jesus-Adventure-Justice-Faithfulness/dp/0310346231/ref=zg_bsnr_12384_1 “*Subversive Jesus* is the story of one family's experiment in putting the most counter-cultural teachings of Christ into practice.



When Jesus says invite the poor for a meal, Craig and his family welcome homeless friends, local crack addicts, and women from the street corner over for dinner. When Jesus proclaims freedom for the captive, they organize Pirates of Justice flash mobs to protest cruise ship exploitation. When Jesus teaches love for enemies, they make homemade cookies and lemonade for the local drug dealers, and none of them show up! This adventure takes Craig's family from the slums of Cambodia to inner city Canada and back again.”

- Please pray for Frank Paul and myself for the CCD conference to be held in May/June 2016 in Stuttgart Germany. Frank and I are to lead the session on: *Languages, Resources and Development*, details here: <http://ccdnetwork.de/index.php/en/-track-9.html> For a flyer about this conference, go here: <http://micahnetwork.cmail20.com/t/r-l-ekuxty-ijtbigyhy-o/>

