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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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to 'serve the poor', because, in a nutshell, he has realised that he *is* he poor. Read more of this short but fascinating story [here](#). For more on

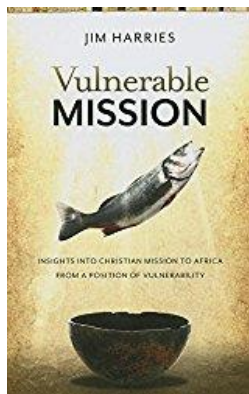
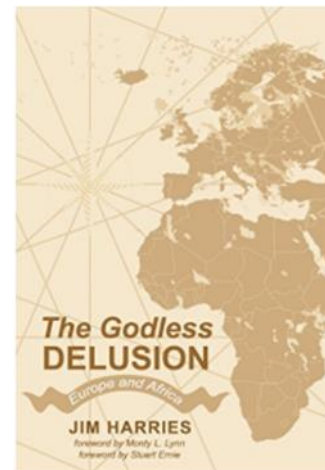
Claudio's work, see also [here](#).

Claudio Oliver, from Brazil, was determined to serve the poor.

Nowadays, he says he does not want



- **The Godless Delusion**, is now available on kindle. It comes for just £7.68 or \$9.99. Get your kindle version [here](#).



- See [here](#) for a review of *Vulnerable Mission* recently appeared on Amazon. “The book is exceptional because the author says what he thinks. How he managed to get free of the obligation to say what we expect him to say, I don't know ...” shares reviewer, Claude Lambert.

- See an article in German entitled **Indigene Sprachen: Die Salden des Ethnozids** [here](#).



- “One of Germany’s most prominent politicians has launched an **outright attack on the increasing use of the English language in every day life, and called for a crackdown.**” Germany chooses not to be overrun by English. Many poorer countries have little choice. More [here](#).

- An article by Jim Harries entitled: **‘Resolving Western Hegemony in Africa:**

William Carey International Development Journal is an online journal from William Carey International University, devoted to interdisciplinary research focused on the historical, cultural, and spiritual roots of human problems around the world, as well as analysis and discussion of proposed solutions.

distinguishing the material from the spiritual.’ Has just been published by the *William Carey International Development Journal* [here](#). See also [here](#) and [here](#).

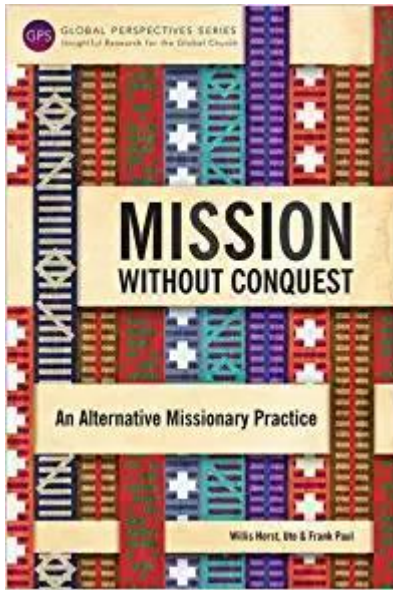


- Also published by William Carey International Development Journal, is this article entitled **‘Popular Approaches to Anti-Racism Are Influenced by Secularism and Are Self-Defeating.’** In [this](#) article, Jim Harries asks; not to be racist, according to whose norm? He points out detailed ways in which anti-

racism legislation in the West directly opposes prospects for sustainable socio-economic development in the majority world.

‘Missions Pastor: Five Ways You Can Abandon Colonialism’ is the title to this short article by Gena Thomas, that can be found [here](#). “Dear Missions Pastor, it’s time we stop colonizing” is how Gena opens her writing.

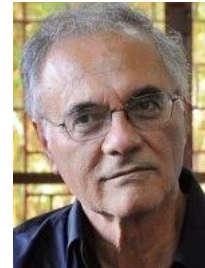




- See [here](#) for Jean Johnson’s new review of *Mission without Conquest* by Frank Paul. Here it is copied in full:

“This book deserves readership. The authors worked hard to form and try missionary methods that minimize paternalism, especially where the church already exists. We rarely get such an intimate look at the inside details. There is much to learn and I think we should all be working hard to weed postmodern colonialism out of our intercultural relationships. There is still way to more "conquest" in missions today than we are willing to admit and talk about. I know I have to work at it since ethnocentrism comes more natural.”

- See [here](#) for a report of a lecture entitled '**An opportunity for the university to change direction**' presented by Munyaradzi Makoni in Cape Town on 26th August 2017.



- Details here of **Jim Harries’ anticipated movements in the USA**, September to November 2017. Please make an appointment to have him speak to your group, or to meet with him, if you are in one of the locations below: (jimoharries@gmail.com)

Sep. 15th-17th	Dallas.
18 th -22nd	Vancouver, Canada.
23 rd -29th	Portland, Oregon.
30 th -9 th Oct.	Los Angeles.
9 th -11th	Oklahoma.
11 th -16th	Abilene.
16 th -22nd	Dallas.
23 rd -26th	Chicago.
27 th -29th	Washington DC.
30 th -2 nd Nov.	Philadelphia.
3 rd -6 th	New York.
7 th -11th	Pittsburgh.
12 th -14th	Rural PA.
15 th -20th	Indianapolis.

- A number of vulnerable mission folk will be at this ems conference, to be in Dallas Sep. 15th 2017. (Register before end of August to get discount rate!)



Engaging
theology, theologians, theological education
in (or from) majority world contexts.



EMS National Conference
Friday through Sunday – September 15-17, 2017
Dallas, Texas

Opening plenary session:
"Give Us Friends!": V. S. Azariah and the Call for the Four-Self Church
Dr. Allen Yeh, Associate Professor of Missiology, Biola University

A Sampling of Topics

- Mission in the Era of Trump
- Latino/a Mission Theology
- Translation, Theology, & Identity
- When Helping Works!
- Anti-Poverty Mission
- Theology of Business as Mission
- Honor-Shame & the Gospel
- Sex-Trafficking and Mission
- Prison Mission
- Women at the Round Table
- Local Theologies and Higher Ed
- Trauma Healing & Scripture
- Non-Negotiables in Global Worship
- Patronage & Theological Ed

Evening plenary with Q & A:
The Contribution of Missiology to Global Awareness for Theological Education in North America
Dr. Tite Tienou, Research Professor of Theology of Mission; Dean Emeritus and Tite Tienou Chair of Global Theology & World Christianity, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Early registration through August 20 (\$120 general; \$60 student)
Regular registration August 21-September 14 (\$190 general; \$90 student)
Walk-in registration September 15-17 (\$210 general; \$150 student)
(EMS members receive substantial discounts below these prices)

Info and registration:
www.emsweb.org
or write Bill Harris@tiedu








Moving beyond post-colonial dependency: developing sustainability through vulnerability

sponsored by the **Alliance for Vulnerable Mission** (vulnerablemission.org)

Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge, Pennsylvania, www.tsm.edu
Wednesday 8th November 2017 registration at 5.00pm, finishing 12 noon on Saturday 11th November.
Cost: \$270.00 conference and meals. Bed and breakfast separate. Discounts available for those attending part-time and/or students.


Speakers to include:

- Jean Johnson, Director, World Mission Associates.
- Dr. Stan Nussbaum, Global Mapping International.
- Rev. Canon Dr. John Macdonald, Trinity School for Ministry, PA.
- Dr. Jim Harries, Chair, Alliance for Vulnerable Mission.
- Fred and Carol Lewis, Worldview, Portland, OR.
- Peter Sholl, Director, MOCLAM, Monterrey, México.

'Emphasising the use of indigenous languages and resources as the norm for some intercultural workers.'
We are looking for presenters of papers in other languages: Korean, Swahili, Spanish ...

Queries to: allyson@vulnerablemission.org or jmacdonald@tsm.edu (Details may still change. Registration open.)



Conference outline; Moving beyond post-colonial dependency: developing sustainability through vulnerability

To be held at Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge, Pittsburgh, November 2017
(as of March 2017)

Wednesday (8/11/2017)

17:00 Registration

19:00 Plenary paper 1, by Dr. Stan Nussbaum. Key note address.

Thursday (9/11/2017)

9.30 Plenary 2. by Jean Johnson.

11.45 Seminars 1

14.30 Panel of practitioners each commenting on their VM experience.

16.00 Seminars 2.

18.45 Plenary 3. by Dr. Jim Harries.

Friday (10/11/2017)

9.30 Plenary 4. To be decided.

11.45 seminars 3

14.30 Outing to old economy village in Ambridge. / Meeting to plan future activities of AVM/USA.

18.45 plenary 5. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis. The significance of Language-Learning and Worldview for Connecting with People.

20.15 Tea and discuss the conference so far in groups. Feedback.

Saturday (11/11/17)

9.30 Working groups.

10.15 Plenary. Summing up key points from the conference, by Dr. John Macdonald.

11.00 Wrapping up.

Conference ends at 12 noon.

Provisional

Call for Papers

Contributions of papers are welcome for the following conference:

Moving beyond post-colonial dependency: developing sustainability through vulnerability

sponsored by the [Alliance for Vulnerable Mission](#), and [Trinity School for Ministry \(tsm.edu\)](#) in Ambridge, PA.

The conference will take place in Pennsylvania 8th to 11th November 2017. For more information go to vulnerablemission.org and click on the flier.

Papers accepted for the conference will also be considered for a special guest-edition of *Global Missiology*, January 2018, on the same theme.

Please submit title and abstract or your outline idea to Dr. Jim Harries at jim@vulnerablemission.org

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23rd May 2017