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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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Learning Over Power

Moving Beyond Crosscultural Competency to Cultural Humility



Advance notice of webinar!

Dr. Debbie Kramlich will speak about the essentials for transformative learning in ministry and mission.

For further details on this intriguing topic, and to register, go to the AVM Eventbrite
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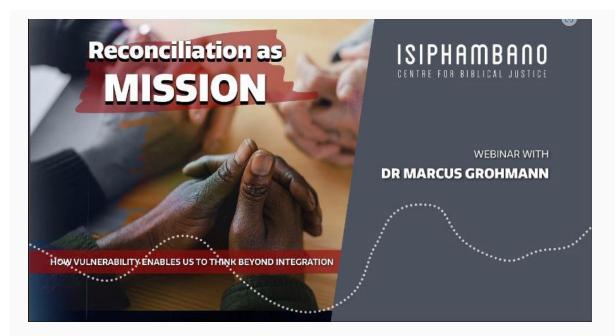


Important date: 6th February 2025!

Please keep a space free on this day, in case you are invited to attend an online-celebration (sorry, no refreshments provided) of major new developments in the AVM (Alliance for Vulnerable Mission). These developments include: A new Executive Director. A new website. Registration in Germany as a *verein* (non-profit / charity).

Details pending.

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Reconciliation as Mission: How Vulnerability Enables Us to Think Beyond Integration

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"Churches in post-apartheid South Africa have rightly emphasised the need for reconciliation and intercultural relationship building. For white people, this has often translated into strategies of inclusion and of sharing. For all their value, though, such approaches usually build on linguistic, cultural, material and spiritual resources that are the norm for the historically privileged. What could togetherness look like that seeks to meet others where they are in all these respects rather than bringing them to where we are?" asks Marcus Grohmann. He suggests some profound answers, in this podcast.

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Über Chancen, Anforderungen und Grenzen Verletzlicher Mission: Ein Praktiker erzählt

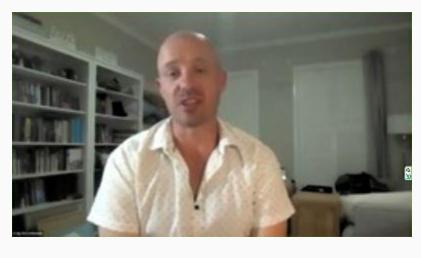
About the Opportunities, Requirements and Limits of Vulnerable Mission: A Practitioner Explains.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1WZsSDCbrI0

In this interview, by Marcus Grohmann (research coordinator for the AVM) with Frank Paul (advisory board member), Marcus quizzes Frank on his mission experience in Argentina, and how that led him to promote vulnerable mission. Frank's answers are well thought out, carefully articulated, profound, and even, fascinating! (The recording is in German. If you turn on the translation to English via captions option of you tube, you will get an accurate translation into English in captions on your screen!)

(For how to translate, and see the translation in the captions, see here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZz03myFuWA&t=71s)

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AVM Webinar: 'Teaching the Bible in a local language' (Craig McCorkindale)

https://youtu.be/kpxTHUQ9kA8?si=1VGogSLwewx4WcGa

interested in mission to Cambodia, and beyond.

On 24 October 2024 our webinar speaker, from Australia, shared about his ministry experiences in Cambodia. During his service there he learned and used the Khmer language as a key part of his ministry in theological education and with local Churches.

Craig McCorkindale related his language learning methods, intrigues, and dilemmas. Craig had an interest in language learning before he began, partly inspired by his knowledge of vulnerable mission. After a year of language learning, it took him 30 hours to put together a theology class of three hours in the Khmer language. Using Khmer to teach helped him to improve his knowledge and diction. ("I jumped into teaching before I was ready for it" Craig confesses!) This is an inspiring account, including many important lessons learned, of a serious engagement with the language of a people being reached by a missionary, of relevance to those

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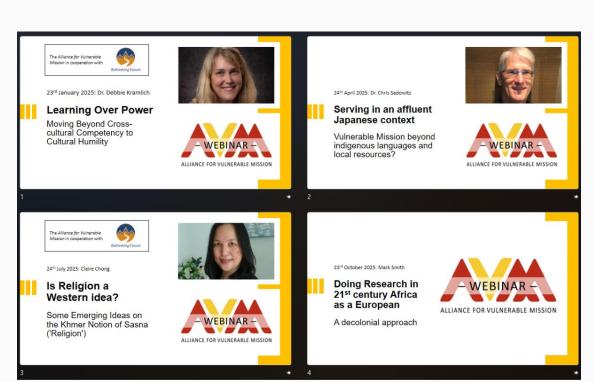


'Silver or Gold have I None: the Good News of Jesus Christ in Relation to Witchcraft in Africa.'

https://www.academia.edu/attachments/119485630/download_file?s=portfolio

This Masters' thesis by Jim Harries (1995), here published for the first time on academia.edu, outlines his drawing on Acts 14:8-20, on Paul and Barnabas in Lystra, to point out the importance of prioritizing the Gospel over money in work with people in Africa who are involved in witchcraft activities. The thesis was written at London Bible College (now London School of Theology). Click on the link above to download your pdf copy. The thesis draws on Jim's first three years of ministry in Zambia, followed by one year in Kenya. He had at the time recently completed an MA in Rural Development and a certificate in missions, all in UK.

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For more information on these webinars, and to register in advance, go to:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/alliance-for-vulnerable-mission-avm-65593048623

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