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Prophetic voice, missions entrepreneur, viral networker, servant among the urban poor: As a young graduate, and in quiet dependence on God to provide, Viv Grigg went to live in the slums of Manila, pioneering churches and development. He has been a prophetic voice calling from the slums of Manila, Kolkata, Sao Paulo, Los Angeles... inviting many hundreds to live in apostolic communities among the poor. These works have created a plethora of organizations that transform poverty in over 40 cities. He attributes the fruit of this to the overflowing work of the Holy Spirit on these who choose to live the cross among the poor.

Global Networking: He coordinated the global AD2000 Cities Network in the 1990's catalysing and connecting city leadership teams globally. He developed the *Vision for Auckland* process in the 1990's. He coordinates the *Encarnação Alliance of urban poor movement leaders*. Their grassroots city learning networks of slum pastors in one three 3 year period established over 1800 new churches. He is Chairman of the MATUL Commission, which has catalysed training in 5 continents. Recently worked on a small WEA-Middle East strategy/funding project.

As an **academic** trained in theology, community organization, and urban anthropology, and as Director of Urban Leadership Foundation, he catalysed the *MA in Transformational Urban Leadership* (MATUL) now with 8 partnering institutions globally. In 2009, he relocated from New Zealand to be an Associate Professor to Azusa Pacific University in Los Angeles (one of the partners) to lead their MATUL expansion. He is author of 7 books including the paradigm-shifting *Companion to the Poor*, whose call to radical incarnation among the poor and lifestyles of simplicity has challenged many. His recent *Spirit of Christ and the Postmodern City* predicts a future beyond postmodernism. *Conversations on Economic Discipleship* has answers to the present ethical dilemmas of capitalism. See www.urbanleaders.org for more information. Married to Ieda, a Free Methodist preacher and chaplain to those dying of cancer. Three adult kids.

Demonstrated gifts mix: Prophetic (intercessor, visionary, strategist, motivational preacher, writer, catalyst), leading to the apostolic (establishing a new work every three to six months, networker) pastoral trainer (mentoring, leadership development), wisdom / leadership, teaching (action-reflection educator/trainer), community activist (mercy, organizer, projects manager), entrepreneurial administrator (create structures rather than maintain them), fundraiser. All of that which is fruitful above can be attributed to the work of the Holy Spirit, who takes what we do and works far beyond us.

Weaknesses: Create too many ideas for admin staff to manage, cannot understand or manage puffers, fudgers and political manipulators, at times a critical spirit or unwise word can offend,

many become jealous as God touches works. Have a soft voice and unimposing persona, have always struggled to fully fund all that is put in my hands. Not as young as I was, introvert, am dependent on the people around me, and often admin help is not there for each work. While competent in management, I die if locked in an office, managing endless maintenance details.

Some Academics

- PhD (Theology), Auckland University, New Zealand. 2006. Fields: Pneumatology, Urban Theology, Urban Leadership, Sociology of Religion (University Scholar)
- M.A. (Missions) Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, USA, 1987 Fields: Urban Anthropology, Community Development
- Certificate of Accomplishment in Tagalog, Manila, Philippines. 1980
- Post Grad Dip. Teaching, Christchurch Teachers College, Christchurch, New Zealand 1973.
- B.E.(Elect). Canterbury University, Christchurch, New Zealand, 1973.

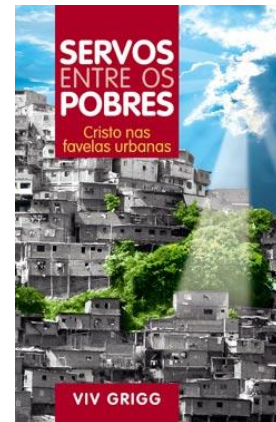
Some Publications

1984 *Companion to the Poor*, Albatross Books: Sydney.

- 1990, 2nd edition MARC: Monrovia, CA.
- 2006, rev edn, London: Authentic.
- 2010 3rd Edition. Auckland: Urban Leadership Foundation.

Translations

- 1990 tr. in German. *Mit den armen leben*. Wolfgang Simson Verlag: Lorrach.
 - 1988 tr. in Portuguese *Servos Entre Os Pobres*. Comibam/Aura Books: Sao Paulo, Brazil.
 - 2006 rev edn Ultimato: Curitiba
 - 1994. tr. in Spanish *Siervos Entre Los Pobres*, Nueva Creacion: Buenos Aires and Eerdmans.
 - 1995. tr. in Korean, _____, IVP: Seoul.
 - 2005 tr. Indian Tamil edition, YWAM: Chennai.
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- 1992 *Cry of the Urban Poor*, MARC.
 - 1994. tr. in Portuguese. *O Grito Dos Pobres Na Cidade*, Missao Editora: Sao Paulo.
 - 1992-1997 (Revised yearly) *Transforming Cities: An Urban Leadership Guide*, Auckland: Urban Leadership Foundation.
 - 2000 *Creating an Auckland Business Theology*. Urban Leadership Foundation. 80 pp.
 - 2009 *The Spirit of Christ and the Postmodern City*. Auckland: Urban Leadership Foundation and Lexington, KY: Emeth Press.
 - Peters, Elijah (2012) A Review. *Missio Dei: A Journal of Missional Theology and Praxis* 3, no. 2 (August 2012) <http://missiodeijournal.com/issues/md-3-2/authors/md-3-2-peters>
 - 2010 *Conversations on Economic Discipleship*. Auckland: Urban Leadership Foundation.
 - 2016 *Kiwinomics*. Auckland: Urban Leadership Foundation



Booklets

- 1985 [*Servants Movements: Protestant Orders with Vows of Non-Destitute Poverty*](#). Urban Leadership Foundation.
- 1986 [*The Lifestyle and Values of Servants*](#), Urban Leadership Foundation.
- 1986 [*Towards a Strategy for Reaching the Mega-Cities of the Third World*](#). Urban Leadership Foundation.
- 1998 [*Vision for Auckland*](#). Urban Leadership Foundation, 32pp.
- 2000 [*Urban Theology as Transformational Conversation: Hermeneutics for the Post-Modern Cities*](#). Auckland: Urban Leadership Foundation.
- 2001 [*Biblical Reflections on Land and Land Rights*](#). Urban Leadership Foundation. 64 pp.
- 2003 [*The Radical Discontinuity of Jesus-Style Seminaries in the Slums*](#). <http://www.urbanleaders.org/ma/>

Some Professional Papers, Book Chapters and Articles

- 1985 [*Servants Movements: Protestant Orders with Vows of Non-Destitute Poverty*](#). Urban Leadership Foundation
- 1987 "Sorry the Frontier Moved!" [*Urban Missions*](#), 4:4 (March 1987),12-25.
tr in Portuguese . "Desculpe! A Fronteira Mudou-Se." [*Teologico*](#), Sociedade Dos Estudantes de Teologia Evangelica: Sao Paulo
- 1989 "Cities of God - Cities of Men." 3 part series in [*Challenge Weekly*](#): Auckland , November 1989.
- 1987 "The Urban Poor: Prime Missionary Target." [*Evangelical Review of Theology*](#), July 1987, pp 261-272. Reprinted 1989 in [*Urban Ministry in Asia*](#), chap 18 , Asia Theological Association, pp 185-197.
- 1989 " Squatters, The Most Responsive Unreached Bloc." [*Urban Missions*](#), 6:5 (May 1989), 41-50.
- 1992 "[Church of the Poor](#)." In [*Discipling the City: A Comprehensive Approach to Urban Mission*](#) Baker: Grand Rapids, Michigan, 159-170.
- 1993 "Reaching the Cities." In [*Vision New Zealand Congress*](#), Vision New Zealand, 429 Queen Street , Auckland.
- 1993 "Intercessors and Cosmic Urban Spiritual Warfare." [*International Journal of Frontier Missions*](#) Vol 10:4 Oct 1993.
 - 1995. tr into Korean. Korea AD2000 Movement and Beyond by Jubilee Tech International.
- 1995 "Spiritual Warfare and the Poor in the Gateway Cities." In [*Praying Through the 100 Gateway Cities*](#), C. Peter Wagner, Mark Peters, eds. YWAM Publishing: Seattle.
 - tr. into Korean by the Korea AD2000 Movement and Beyond by Jubilee Tech International.
 - tr. into Portuguese "La Guerra Espiritual y los Pobres en las Ciudades de Acceso". In [*Orando por Las 100 Ciudades de Acceso a la Ventana 10/40*](#), C Peter Wagner, Stephen Peters y Mark Wilson, eds. Editorial Unilit.
- 1997 "Transforming the Soul of Kiwi Cities." In [*New Vision New Zealand Vol 11\(1997\)*](#) , Bruce Patrick, ed., Auckland: Vision New Zealand.
- 1997 "Transforming the Soul of the Nation." In [*New Vision New Zealand Vol III*](#) , Bruce Patrick, ed., Auckland: Vision New Zealand.
- 2000. [*Apostolic Orders with Vows of Non-Destitute Poverty*](#). 2nd edn. Urban Leadership Foundation. www.urbanleaders.org/MATUL/620Leadership/11ApostolicOrders/ULF%20Vows%20of%20non-destitute2.htm
- 2003. [*Jesus Seminary in the Slums*](#). www.urbanleaders.org/ma
- 2004. [*Radical Restructuring of the Seminary*](#) www.urbanleaders.org
- 2005 "Forward". In [*Quest for Hope in the Slum Community: A Global Urban Reader*](#), Scott Bessenecker, ed., Waynesborough, GA: Authentic, pp 1-2.

- 2005 " Never the Same Again: Face to Face with Poverty", "To Have or Not to Have? Economically Just Lifestyles", With Justice for All", reprinted in *Quest for Hope in the Slum Community: A Global Urban Reader*, Scott Bessnecker, ed., Waynesborough, GA: Authentic, pp39-44;45-50;269-282.
- 2010. Hovering Spirit, Creative Voice, Empowered Transformation: A Retrospective. *Living Mission*, Scott Bessnecker ed. IVP Books. pp 23-35.
- 2011 Urbanization. *Dictionary of scripture and ethics*.J.B. Green, ed. Grand Rapids:Baker Book House. pp 799-801.
- 2012. Uma igreja relevante e encarnada - discipulado economico [The Incarnate and Relevant Church - Economic Discipleship]. *Lutando para igreja*. [Battle for the Church]. A. Ramos & R.Bituin, eds. Sao Paulo, Brazil: Vox Litteris, Editorial Hagnos. pp 219-235.
- 2012 Hovering Spirit, Creative Voice, Empowered Transformation: A Retrospective. Bangkok: *The New Urban World Journal*. Vol 1:1. Stephen Burris, ed. Bangkok: International Society of Urban Mission. www.newurbanworld.org
- 2014. Economic Discipleship: Vulnerability to Liberate the Vulnerable. *Global Missiology English*. <http://ojs.globalmissiology.org/index.php/english>. Enoch Wan, Ed.

Some Popular Articles

- 1979-80 "Discipleship", "[Discipleship and Self: The Beatitudes](#)", "Discipleship and Possessions." *Reach Communique*, Manila: Reach, Vol 1:2, 2:1, 2:3
- 1984 "The Poor Wise Man and ytrevoP the Demon." *The Reaper*: pp 16-19. Bible College of New Zealand: Auckland. August 1984. Reprinted in *World Mission Guide*, World Christian Magazine: Los Angeles, pp 9-11, 1988
- 1987 "The Poor Wise Man of Calcutta." *Urban Missions*, 5:2 (Nov 1987): 43-44
- Korean Translations of articles in *Gospel and Context*, 1995:8, pp 76-81, 9:112-117, 1996, 1997
- 1988 "Of Barefoot Dentists... and Rich Young Rulers." *Urban Missions*, May 1988 and *Transformation* 1991, No 1, p25.
- 1992 "AD2000 Cities Track Partnering Missions to Reach Cities." in *AD2000 Cities Track News*, Vol 1:1.
- 1992 "A Crucial Hour for the 1000 Least Evangelized Cities" , In *Cities and Slums Newsletter*, Vole 1:2, June 1992
- 1992 "AD2000 Sister Cities Network", In *Cities and Slums News*, Vol 1:3, Sep 1993.
- 1992 "Living Among the Poor." In *World Vision*, Oct/Nov 1992, pp 19,20.
- 1995 " Unified Leadership: The Key to Revival Within Our Cities." *New Zealand Baptist*, June 1995
- 1996 "Development Perspectives in Cities" in *Tear Talk*, July, 1996.
- 1996 " The Cost of Intercession: Reflections on a Calcutta Love Story." *New Zealand Baptist*, June 1996.
- 2000 *Urban Theology as Transformational Conversation: Hermeneutics for the Post-Modern Cities*, Auckland: Urban Leadership Foundation.

Some Major Conference Involvements

- 1989 **Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization**, Manila. Two Sessions on *Ministering to the Urban Poor*.
- 1993 **VisionNZ Congress** plenary on *Reaching the Cities*
- 1995 **Global Congress On World Evangelization**, Seoul , Korea. *Plenary Session on Reaching the Global Cities*. Leader of the AD2000 Cities Network.

- 1996 **Mission Korea 96**, a gathering of eight student movements, plenary on *The Cry of the Urban Poor* and seminars.
- 1996 **AD2000 Urban Poor Network**, Hong Kong. Leadership team , several seminars, plenary
- 1997 **Vision NZ Congress** plenary on *Transformation of the Nation*.
- Numerous **City Leadership Consultations** in nations and cities.
- 1997 **Korean Students for Christ** plenary and seminar
- 1998 **Korean Students for Christ** plenary address, *The Poor Wise Man* and seminars
- 1998 **Asbury Seminary, Kingdom Conference**, keynote speaker, *The Cosmic Christ in Cities From Hell* and forums.
 - [The Incarnate Christ in the Underside of Anti-Christian Megalopolises](#)
 - The Poor You Will Have With You Always - Did Jesus Really Mean This?
 - [The Poor Wise Man and YTREVOP the Demon](#)
 - [Releasing Holiness: Fires of Reconciliation, Restitution and Citywide Revival](#)
 - Discipling the Poor: The Challenge of Integrating Social Responsibility, Evangelism and Discipleship
 - The City of God is a Multiethnic Party - Starting Now!
 - [Cosmic Christ - Transformer of the Soul of a Nation](#)
- 1996, 1997, 1998. **Australian AD2000 National Leadership Consultations** as plenary speaker
- 1999. **Vision for Auckland Huis**, organiser, keynote address on *Six Battlefronts in Auckland*
- 2000. **Transformational Conversations: Developing Indigenous Theologies** hui, Auckland, facilitator.
- 2001. **Biola Missions Conference**, addresses, *Reaching the Poor of Asia's Mega-Cities, The Judgement of God on a Post modern City*.
- 2008. **RENAS Brazil**, keynote, *Jesus-style Seminary in the Slums*
- 2009. Sao Paulo, Brazil. *Igreja Relevante e Incarnacional*
- 2009. **Revitalization Consultation**, Asbury Seminary, *The Spirit of Christ and the Postmodern City*. KY: Asbury Seminary, Oct 2009.
- 2013. (February). *Multiplying Millions in Holistic Slum Movements: Apostolic and Diaconal Perspectives*. Presentation given at the second gathering of the **International Society of Urban Missions**. Bangkok, Thailand.
- 2013. *Theology and Practice of Land Rights*. Conference plenary address and workshop presented at the **Call2Compassion and Justice** conference. Mumbai, India.
- 2013. *Economic Discipleship: Vulnerability to Liberate the Vulnerable*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the **Alliance for Vulnerable Mission**. Norwalk, England.
- 2014 CMESP. *O Reino de Deus e Economia Solidaria*. Plenary at the **Conferência Missionária do Estado de São Paulo (CMESP)**, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2014 February, **Moveln**, Toronto.
 - o Plenaries:
 - o *The Poor Wise Man*
 - o See also White board explainer video, *The Poor Wise Man*
 - o *Hovering Spirit, Creative Voice*
 - o Seminar
 - Developing a Poor Peoples' Church*
- 2015. *Slum Pastors' Training in Economic Discipleship*. New Delhi, India. May 5-9, 2015.
- 2017 *Economic Discipleship. Companions Among the Poor*. Manila, March 30-31, 2017.

Some Media

PowerPoints

120 of these presentations may be found at <http://www.authorstream.com>. Or on slideshare. Most are simple quality. Search for vivgrigg. Total Views, as of June 15, 2017: 13926. Embed Views: 1658.

Movie about Viv Grigg's work

Stewart, David, 2016. *Poor Wise Man*. www.poorwiseman.vhx.tv

Training Videos

30 videos on urban missions, urban spirituality, urban realities etc. on www.vimeo.com/vivgrigg

Websites (updated yearly, always developing)

1996. *Building City Leadership Teams*. <http://www.urbanleaders.org/620Leadership/08cityleaders/index.html>

1997. *Transforming Revival*. <http://www.urbanleaders.org/transrevival/>

1998. Portuguese Training Materials <http://www.urbanleaders.org/Portuguese/>

Masters level resource sites

2002. *Urban Realities*. <http://www.urbanleaders.org/540UrbanReality/> (Needs second half)

2002. *Urban Poor Churchplanting*. <http://www.urbanleaders.org/530FaithComm/>

2004. *Encarnacao Alliance Training Commission website*. www.urbanleaders.org/ma

2004. *Community Economics*. <http://www.urbanleaders.org/560CommEcon/>

2007 *Urban Poor Movement Leadership*. <http://www.urbanleaders.org/620Leadership/>

2007. *Biblical Theology of Mission*. <http://www.urbanleaders.org/500Writings/>

2007. *Urban Spirituality*. www.urbanleaders.org/520UrbanSpirituality

2009. *Land Rights* www.urbanleaders.org/655LandRights

2016 *Trainer of Trainers*. <http://urbanleaders.org/webtrainer/> (Under construction)

Grassroots

1998. *Grassroots Church-planters' Training*. <http://www.urbanleaders.org/weburbpoor/>

2017. *Economic Discipleship*. www.economicdisciple.org - 40 podcasts for oral learners.

Fundraising Skills

I have established organizations, which (by a rough calculation), currently are contributing \$2 million/year into works around the world in the slums. As all I do is built on colabourship with others, I can only claim to have catalysed vision, imparted a spirituality, anointed leaders, set up systems and helped build the initial teams in these works. These have been based on volunteer workers, workers living by faith, workers raising their own support, partnerships with churches

I have however raised personal support for many years from the New Zealand church (though not currently).

I have written proposals and raised grant moneys over the years from foundations and some businessmen to catalyse the many works: Some being (in US\$) \$3,000 (x3 for educational processes), \$5,000, \$10,000 (for scholarships) \$15,000, \$25,000 (x4, one for HIV program in Africa, one for surveying works in 12 cities globally) \$50,000 (x3), for development of the MA in Transformational Urban Leadership, \$50,000 and \$500,000 (for scholarships) (A rough recollection). This does not predict that there are sufficient sources to access such funding in New Zealand.

Areas of Management Experience or Expertise (XXX)- Viv Grigg, 2018

Management	Technical Systems	Communication	Academic Programming	Student Management
<p>Commitment to lead by example in ministry, character, academics (XXX)</p> <p>Ability to recruit, build and manage a diverse team (XXX)</p> <p>Strategic focus development (X)</p> <p>Ability to serve management in developing, accomplishing, or reworking their objectives (X)</p> <p>Significant change management experience (X)</p> <p>Awareness of need for and development of reporting mechanisms (X)</p> <p>Group-based, culturally-sensitive, student and faculty evaluation of programs and courses (X)</p> <p>Experienced in budgeting processes, balance sheet management, expenditure controls (XXX) Ability to network across diverse ethnic, occupational and religious lines (X)</p>	<p>IT awareness, technical background database, website and video development skills(XXX)</p> <p>Web designer (Designed over 20 sites)</p> <p>Computer skills: Access, Word, Wordpro, Quickbooks, Excel, Powerpoint, Adobe Dreamweaver web design Adobe Premier video design, etc (XX)</p> <p>Access database design and development (A little rusty)</p> <p>Office setup and develop't, securing of office resources (Have set up 7)</p> <p>Experienced (but not artistic) in design of publicity brochures, flyers, email lists, database maintenance</p>	<p>Folks love creative, experiential, interactive story-telling to high level conceptual teaching style and content (XXX)</p> <p>Effective listener: gather opinions from others to develop consensus, or solve problems, both formally and informally (X)</p> <p>Ability to develop strong trusting relationships with both strong leaders and students (X)</p> <p>Oral and written skills - able to identify and articulate vision (a writer, not always concise for bureaucrats) (XXX)</p> <p>Excellent ability to make public presentations at church, national and global levels (but weak voice projection, spoken to hundreds of conferences and churches) (XXX)</p> <p>Ability to develop strong rapport with operational teams to achieve goals and deadlines</p>	<p>Experiential to cognitive bias in academic teaching approach (XXX)</p> <p>Development of creative group project approaches to learning(X)</p> <p>Development of new degree program philosophy (XX) and curriculum structures (know how to work with experts)</p> <p>Development of processes from within multicultural styles (X)</p> <p>Abreast of urban missions, missions, New Zealand transformation, revival directions and publications (X)</p> <p>Editing, formatting, mentoring of masters and doctoral students papers (Supervised 53 theses, XXX)</p> <p>Publications background (Published 5 books) (XXX)</p> <p>Supportive of institutional systems in which functioning: able to critique and contribute to broader vision</p>	<p>Student mentoring (Strength)</p> <p>Systems development for selection and evaluation of program participants (highly Developed)</p> <p>Evaluation of student/ staff progress in academics and character development (X)</p> <p>Creation of joyful, participative, pleasant staff and student environments (XXX)</p> <p>Adaptive interfacing of University system with ethnic learning styles and English competencies (X)</p> <p>Cross-cultural orientation program development (Multiple years)</p> <p>Short-term mission team management (Not a strength, don't believe in the value)</p> <p>Student mentoring processes (Have navigated complex pastoral care contexts with students globally)</p>

At my stage of life, it is more important that I invest in leadership, writing, communication, policy, than in the management that 40-50 year olds can do to carry the load, but whatever a team needs, I generally am able to do, (with a little less effort than younger folks).

