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New Executive Director for Wycliffe UK

“UK churches need to translate their message for today’s culture – or die.”

Eddie Arthur, new Executive Director of the UK’s largest Bible translation organisation as of 1 March, is passionate about applying the lessons learned in cross-cultural missions to an increasingly cross-cultural Britain.

“The Church is growing at an explosive rate in other parts of the world at the very time that many UK churches are struggling or even dying,” says Eddie Arthur. “‘Mission’ approaches have worked in Africa, Asia and Latin America as they ‘translated’ the gospel to their local contexts. It’s time to understand what led to their success and consider applying those principles here.”

Eddie joined Wycliffe UK in 1985 and spent 12 years in Ivory Coast, initially working on a translation of the New Testament into the Kouya language. He has since directed the development of the European Training Programme (a network of mission training schools) and has for the last three years focused on leadership training and strategic planning across French-speaking Africa. Along the way he has earned a Postgraduate Diploma in Theology from Moorlands College and will this year graduate from Spurgeon’s College with a Master in Theology Degree.

“I want to see deeper relationships between Christian leaders here in the UK and their counterparts around the world, so that all will be blessed,” Eddie declares.

With 500 members working around the world and a financial turnover of almost £8 million, Wycliffe UK is not only the largest Bible translation organisation in the UK, but also one of the largest overseas mission organisations. **(End)**

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