



Press release from Wycliffe Bible Translators

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Enormous donation is “a major wake-up call to the church”

No 50 Million for Wycliffe UK

Wycliffe Bible Translators USA has received fifty million dollars towards the worldwide work of Bible translation! But while this will be a tremendous contribution to the work of making the Bible available around the world, none of the money will come to Wycliffe UK.

This generous gift received by Wycliffe US from an anonymous donor will be used to fund Bible translation and language development work around the world. But as every Wycliffe organisation is autonomous there is no automatic sharing of donation income across international borders.

Eddie Arthur, Executive Director of Wycliffe UK, says of the large gift to Wycliffe in the USA:

“This enormous gift is a wonderful sign of God’s provision for his work of Bible translation at a very difficult time financially. But it is also a major wake-up call to the church in the rest of the world, including the UK. There are still two hundred million people, speaking around two thousand languages that don’t have access to the Scriptures in their own language.

“If we are to see a Bible translation project started in each of these languages by 2025, then Christians all around the world will need to play their part. We mustn’t just rely on the United States to fund world mission.”

Language and translation work is going on in nearly 2,000 languages around the world today. Wycliffe organisations have more than 6,400 people working in 93 countries. Wycliffe UK is the largest Bible translation agency in the UK. **(End)**

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