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Nigeria helps Wycliffe UK (to help Nigeria...)

From Eden to Eternity Review

Nearly 3000 Christians in the UK have heard over the last three weeks about a language cluster in Nigeria. More impressively, around a third of them have chosen to give money to help these groups be able to translate the Scriptures for themselves!

This has taken place as part of the From Eden to Eternity tour, a drama that presented an overview of the Bible in a little over an hour. Wycliffe UK asked the Saltmine Theatre Company to produce this show to remind UK Christians of the value of the Bible. During March it toured 15 venues across England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, visiting churches of many types, including Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist, Elim and Vineyard.

At each venue after the brilliant drama that Saltmine presented, a Wycliffe person offered a twenty minute challenge that included a video clip about what is going on among these people groups in Nigeria. And people in the audiences responded in a very generous fashion.

It is great to see what can be accomplished when God brings people from so many backgrounds together around one cause. In this case...

- UK Christians have been encouraged to love their Bibles and use them more
- Wycliffe UK has connected with new churches where they were previously unknown
- Bible translation has been promoted in multiple ways, including in the mainstream media
- Wycliffe UK has many new people to whom we can offer other opportunities to be involved
- Enough money has been raised to meet a lot of the needs of the first year of one cluster project in Nigeria
- Nigeria Group has been able to get on with the project and help local people move closer to having Scripture in their own language
- People were excited about God's Word and sharing it with others.

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Kent Anderson, who managed the tour for Wycliffe UK, says, “It was wonderful to see audiences connecting with God’s word each night and the generosity of people in supporting language projects in Nigeria.”

Wycliffe UK are hoping to be able to work with Saltmine Theatre Company again in the future, with the possibility of repeating the tour in some different venues. As Kent says, “We are praying that God will continue to lead us to more such initiatives that will meet needs on the field, but also meet the needs right here in the UK. It is a healthier world where people are helping to meet one another's needs, not one where we built a one-way dependency.”

More information about what took place on the tour is available from www.wycliffe.org.uk/fromedentoeternityreview.html.

If you would like to offer a venue for any future Wycliffe UK and Saltmine Theatre Company tours, please e-mail askus@wycliffe.org .

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