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Tough times ahead for Wycliffe Bible Translators UK

A decrease in donations to Wycliffe Bible Translators in the UK is starting to hit missionaries hard. Payouts from the Supplementary Fund, a resource set aside to meet the needs of serving Wycliffe missionaries who are not able to raise enough money to support their living costs, have had to be reduced.

Eddie Arthur, Executive Director of Wycliffe UK, says, "This is the first time that our current Supplementary Fund has been unable to meet the needs of those claiming on it and this is an indicator of how serious the current financial situation is."

"We have already had to take some very tough decisions on which projects we support over the next 12 months. We've also needed to make difficult decisions about the resource we can allocate to serving members who rely on us to cover living costs. We hope and pray that this situation won't last for long."

Wycliffe Bible Translators, who work in over 90 countries worldwide and are involved in more than 80% of all Bible translation projects, have been hit by changes in currency exchange rates, building repairs to the Wycliffe Centre in the UK and a reduction in donations to the general fund. This has forced Wycliffe UK to plan for a tough financial year ahead.

However, finances are only part of the story and despite vacancies for over 3,000 positions worldwide, ranging from literacy specialists and project managers to teachers and accountants, in 2007 Wycliffe personnel were involved in the completion of 1 Bible, 6 New Testaments, 5 JESUS film productions, 4 Luke videos and 2 Genesis videos.

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Photos can be downloaded from: www.wycliffe.org.uk/pressreleases

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