

## Addendum to 'Celebrating 50 years', 1 September 2010

### **Over 50 years of Wycliffe Bible Translators in the UK**

Since publishing the last press release on 1 September, further information has come to light that indicates that 1 September 1960 may not in fact be our official UK birthday!

Wycliffe Bible Translators UK is just one of a family of organisations working worldwide in Bible translation. Wycliffe first started in the USA, and since then the vision, scope and involvement in the Bible Translation task has spread now to more than 45 Member Organisations and more than 60 Partner Organisations throughout the world. This family is called Wycliffe International, serving alongside many other like-minded organisations, institutions and individuals, and is currently involved in active programs for **1,363 languages/936 million people\***.

Working within such a complexity of partnerships, you can imagine that there have been a number of phases in Wycliffe UK's involvement, both formal and practical, as the family of organisations has grown both in size and number. For us, there have been many milestones along the way, from early in 1953 when the first language training started, through to gaining our independent status as a registered company later in 1964.

It seems we have celebration upon celebration in this work, with many opportunities to reflect with amazement on how the Bible translation task has been taken up in only a few decades. We give glory to God at how He has joined churches, organisations and language communities over the years, working together to ensure everyone has the opportunity to hear God speak to them in their own language.

We look forward to more celebrations later in this year. For example, the Chumburung Bible will be dedicated in Ghana in November – just one of many celebrations that happen each year, as again and again language communities worldwide rejoice at receiving God's word in their own language for the first time.

We are sorry that information previously released about our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary has been shown to be inaccurate, and regret any consequential confusion.

*\*as of September 30th 2009*

[Wycliffe Bible Translators](http://www.wycliffe.org.uk), the UK's biggest Bible translation organisation, works with partners worldwide to ensure that every community around the world has access to a Bible in a language that they can fully understand. In more than 70 years of history they have been involved in the translation of 759 New Testaments and Bibles, reaching around 107 million people. Since 1999, Wycliffe has contributed to over 80% of translation projects started in Bibleless people groups. However there remains a massive need, as statistics show that there are around 353 million people from 2,252 languages still waiting for translation to begin.

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