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Bible Translators International

7500 W. Camp Wisdom Road
Dallas, Texas 75236-5699 USA

July 28, 2000

Internal Revenue Service
P.O. Box 192
Covington, KY 41012-0192

Dear Sir or Madam,

Wycliffe Bible Translators International, Inc. (EIN 95-3494561) received exempt status from the IRS on May 18, 1981 under section 501(c)(3). At that time, Wycliffe Bible Translators International (WBTI) was a California corporation; having been so granted incorporation on March 12, 1980. In 1994, WBTI moved its corporate offices to Dallas, Texas and transferred its corporate domicile to Texas on April 28, 1994. On April 19, 1995, the then treasurer of WBTI, Oran West, sent a letter to the IRS informing you that WBTI's corporate site changed from California to Texas. In response, on June 22, 1995, the IRS office in Dallas, Texas sent confirmation to WBTI that WBTI's exempt status continued through this change in corporate domicile. WBTI's ministry continued unchanged through all this.

Then in December 1999, WBTI received a letter from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, which indicated that department's belief that WBTI needed to re-file for exempt status from the IRS. The Texas Comptroller disagreed with the IRS's June 22, 1995 determination.

Not knowing who is correct, WBTI staff prepared a form 1023 that is attached. If you determine that the IRS was correct and the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts is incorrect, we ask that you return the attached form 1023 and application fee to us along with a letter that we can send the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts that WBTI continues to be exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. If you determine that the IRS was incorrect and the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts is correct, we ask that you process the attached form 1023 to continue WBTI's exempt status. We recognize that processing this form 1023 at this time requires a waiver of the time requirements. However, WBTI did inform the IRS in a timely manner of the change in its corporate siting and relied on the written determination by the IRS that its exempt status continued in not filing a form 1023 before now.

All appropriate attachments to support the above statements are included as attachments to the enclosed form 1023. If you have any questions about any of this, please feel free to contact me at (972) 708-7412.

Sincerely yours,

David T. Cram
Treasurer

Richard D. Hugoniot
President

John R. Watters
Executive Director

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Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Note: If exempt status is approved, this application will be open for public inspection.

Read the instructions for each Part carefully.

A User Fee must be attached to this application.

If the required information and appropriate documents are not submitted along with Form 8718 (with payment of the appropriate user fee), the application may be returned to you.

Complete the Procedural Checklist on page 8 of the instructions.

Part I Identification of Applicant

1a Full name of organization (as shown in organizing document) WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC.	2 Employer identification number (EIN) (If none, see page 3 of the Specific Instructions .) 95 ; 3494561
1b c/o Name (if applicable)	3 Name and telephone number of person to be contacted if additional information is needed DAVID T. CRAM (972) 708-7412
1c Address (number and street) Room/Suite 7500 WEST CAMP WISDOM ROAD	4 Month the annual accounting period ends SEPTEMBER
1d City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP + 4. If you have a foreign address, see Specific Instructions for Part I, page 3. DALLAS, TEXAS 75236	5 Date incorporated or formed APRIL 28, 1994
1e Web site address	6 Check here if applying under section: a <input type="checkbox"/> 501(e) b <input type="checkbox"/> 501(f) c <input type="checkbox"/> 501(k) d <input type="checkbox"/> 501(n)

- 7** Did the organization previously apply for recognition of exemption under this Code section or under any other section of the Code? **Yes** **No**
 If "Yes," attach an explanation.
- 8** Is the organization required to file Form 990 (or Form 990-EZ)? **N/A** **Yes** **No**
 If "No," attach an explanation (see page 3 of the **Specific Instructions**).
- 9** Has the organization filed Federal income tax returns or exempt organization information returns? **Yes** **No**
 If "Yes," state the form numbers, years filed, and Internal Revenue office where filed.

1998 FORM 990 WAS SUBMITTED TO OGDEN, UTAH. BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1998, WBTI DID NOT HAVE ANY INCOME OR EXPENSES. ALL ACTIVITIES OF WBTI WERE FUNDED BY THE SUMMER INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS, A 501(c)(3) EXEMPT ORGANIZATION. ALL ACTIVITIES OF WBTI WERE INCLUDED IN THE FORM 990'S SUBMITTED BY THE SUMMER INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

- 10** Check the box for the type of organization. ATTACH A CONFORMED COPY OF THE CORRESPONDING ORGANIZING DOCUMENTS TO THE APPLICATION BEFORE MAILING. (See **Specific Instructions** for Part I, Line 10, on page 3.) See also Pub. 557 for examples of organizational documents.)
- a **Corporation**—Attach a copy of the Articles of Incorporation (including amendments and restatements) showing approval by the appropriate state official; also include a copy of the bylaws.
- b **Trust**— Attach a copy of the Trust Indenture or Agreement, including all appropriate signatures and dates.
- c **Association**— Attach a copy of the Articles of Association, Constitution, or other creating document, with a declaration (see instructions) or other evidence the organization was formed by adoption of the document by more than one person; also include a copy of the bylaws.

If the organization is a corporation or an unincorporated association that has not yet adopted bylaws, check here

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

Please Sign Here _____
(Signature) DAVID T. CRAM TREASURER 7/28/00
(Type or print name and title or authority of signer) (Date)

Part II Activities and Operational Information

- 1 Provide a detailed narrative description of all the activities of the organization—past, present, and planned. **Do not merely refer to or repeat the language in the organizational document.** List each activity separately in the order of importance based on the relative time and other resources devoted to the activity. Indicate the percentage of time for each activity. Each description should include, as a minimum, the following: **(a)** a detailed description of the activity including its purpose and how each activity furthers your exempt purpose; **(b)** when the activity was or will be initiated; and **(c)** where and by whom the activity will be conducted.

SEE ATTACHMENT

- 2 What are or will be the organization's sources of financial support? List in order of size.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT COMES ENTIRELY FROM ASSOCIATE MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS, AND CONSISTS OF:

1. CONTRIBUTIONS
2. SERVICE INCOME
3. INVESTMENT INCOME

- 3 Describe the organization's fundraising program, both actual and planned, and explain to what extent it has been put into effect. Include details of fundraising activities such as selective mailings, formation of fundraising committees, use of volunteers or professional fundraisers, etc. Attach representative copies of solicitations for financial support.

WBTI DOES NOT SOLICIT FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC.
DONATIONS ARE PROVIDED BY MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS.

Part II Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

4 Give the following information about the organization's governing body:

a Names, addresses, and titles of officers, directors, trustees, etc.

SEE ATTACHED

b Annual compensation

SEE ATTACHED

c Do any of the above persons serve as members of the governing body by reason of being public officials or being appointed by public officials? Yes No
If "Yes," name those persons and explain the basis of their selection or appointment.

d Are any members of the organization's governing body "disqualified persons" with respect to the organization (other than by reason of being a member of the governing body) or do any of the members have either a business or family relationship with "disqualified persons"? (See **Specific Instructions** for Part II, Line 4d, on page 3.) Yes No
If "Yes," explain.

5 Does the organization control or is it controlled by any other organization? Yes No
Is the organization the outgrowth of (or successor to) another organization, or does it have a special relationship with another organization by reason of interlocking directorates or other factors? Yes No
If either of these questions is answered "Yes," explain.

SEE ATTACHED

6 Does or will the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following transactions with any political organization or other exempt organization (other than a 501(c)(3) organization): (a) grants; (b) purchases or sales of assets; (c) rental of facilities or equipment; (d) loans or loan guarantees; (e) reimbursement arrangements; (f) performance of services, membership, or fundraising solicitations; or (g) sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists or other assets, or paid employees? Yes No
If "Yes," explain fully and identify the other organizations involved.

7 Is the organization financially accountable to any other organization? Yes No
If "Yes," explain and identify the other organization. Include details concerning accountability or attach copies of reports if any have been submitted.

Part II Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

8 What assets does the organization have that are used in the performance of its exempt function? (Do not include property producing investment income.) If any assets are not fully operational, explain their status, what additional steps remain to be completed, and when such final steps will be taken. If none, indicate "N/A."

N/A

9 Will the organization be the beneficiary of tax-exempt bond financing within the next 2 years? Yes No

10a Will any of the organization's facilities or operations be managed by another organization or individual under a contractual agreement? Yes No

b Is the organization a party to any leases? Yes No
If either of these questions is answered "Yes," attach a copy of the contracts and explain the relationship between the applicant and the other parties.

11 Is the organization a membership organization? Yes No
If "Yes," complete the following:

a Describe the organization's membership requirements and attach a schedule of membership fees and dues.

SEE ATTACHMENT

b Describe the organization's present and proposed efforts to attract members and attach a copy of any descriptive literature or promotional material used for this purpose.

SEE ATTACHMENT

c What benefits do (or will) the members receive in exchange for their payment of dues?

USE OF WYCLIFFE NAME, ABILITY TO BE INVOLVED IN BIBLE TRANSLATION.

12a If the organization provides benefits, services, or products, are the recipients required, or will they be required, to pay for them? N/A Yes No
If "Yes," explain how the charges are determined and attach a copy of the current fee schedule.

b Does or will the organization limit its benefits, services, or products to specific individuals or classes of individuals? N/A Yes No
If "Yes," explain how the recipients or beneficiaries are or will be selected.

13 Does or will the organization attempt to influence legislation? Yes No
If "Yes," explain. Also, give an estimate of the percentage of the organization's time and funds that it devotes or plans to devote to this activity.

14 Does or will the organization intervene in any way in political campaigns, including the publication or distribution of statements? Yes No
If "Yes," explain fully.

Part III Technical Requirements

1 Are you filing Form 1023 within 15 months from the end of the month in which your organization was created or formed? Yes No
If you answer "Yes," do not answer questions on lines 2 through 6 below.

2 If one of the exceptions to the 15-month filing requirement shown below applies, check the appropriate box and proceed to question 7.

Exceptions—You are not required to file an exemption application within 15 months if the organization:

- a Is a church, interchurch organization of local units of a church, a convention or association of churches, or an integrated auxiliary of a church. See **Specific Instructions**, Line 2a, on page 4;
- b Is not a private foundation and normally has gross receipts of not more than \$5,000 in each tax year; or
- c Is a subordinate organization covered by a group exemption letter, but only if the parent or supervisory organization timely submitted a notice covering the subordinate.

3 If the organization does not meet any of the exceptions on line 2 above, are you filing Form 1023 within 27 months from the end of the month in which the organization was created or formed?. Yes No

If "Yes," your organization qualifies under Regulation section 301.9100-2, for an automatic 12-month extension of the 15-month filing requirement. Do not answer questions 4 through 6.

If "No," answer question 4.

4 If you answer "No" to question 3, does the organization wish to request an extension of time to apply under the "reasonable action and good faith" and the "no prejudice to the interest of the government" requirements of Regulations section 301.9100-3? Yes No

If "Yes," give the reasons for not filing this application within the 27-month period described in question 3. See **Specific Instructions**, Part III, Line 4, before completing this item. Do not answer questions 5 and 6. SEE ATTACHMENT

If "No," answer questions 5 and 6.

5 If you answer "No" to question 4, your organization's qualification as a section 501(c)(3) organization can be recognized only from the date this application is filed. Therefore, do you want us to consider the application as a request for recognition of exemption as a section 501(c)(3) organization from the date the application is received and not retroactively to the date the organization was created or formed? . . . Yes No

6 If you answer "Yes" to question 5 above and wish to request recognition of section 501(c)(4) status for the period beginning with the date the organization was formed and ending with the date the Form 1023 application was received (the effective date of the organization's section 501(c)(3) status), check here and attach a completed page 1 of Form 1024 to this application.

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Part III Technical Requirements (Continued)

- 7** Is the organization a private foundation?
 Yes (Answer question 8.)
 No (Answer question 9 and proceed as instructed.)

- 8** If you answer "Yes" to question 7, does the organization claim to be a private operating foundation?
 Yes (Complete Schedule E.)
 No

After answering question 8 on this line, go to line 14 on page 7.

- 9** If you answer "No" to question 7, indicate the public charity classification the organization is requesting by checking the box below that most appropriately applies:

THE ORGANIZATION IS NOT A PRIVATE FOUNDATION BECAUSE IT QUALIFIES:

- | | | |
|----------|--|--|
| a | <input type="checkbox"/> As a church or a convention or association of churches (CHURCHES MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE A.) | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i) |
| b | <input type="checkbox"/> As a school (MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE B.) | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) |
| c | <input type="checkbox"/> As a hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization, or a medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital (These organizations, except for hospital service organizations, MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE C.) | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii) |
| d | <input type="checkbox"/> As a governmental unit described in section 170(c)(1). | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(v) |
| e | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As being operated solely for the benefit of, or in connection with, one or more of the organizations described in a through d, g, h, or i (MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE D.) | Section 509(a)(3) |
| f | <input type="checkbox"/> As being organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety. | Section 509(a)(4) |
| g | <input type="checkbox"/> As being operated for the benefit of a college or university that is owned or operated by a governmental unit. | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) |
| h | <input type="checkbox"/> As receiving a substantial part of its support in the form of contributions from publicly supported organizations, from a governmental unit, or from the general public. | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(v) |
| i | <input type="checkbox"/> As normally receiving not more than one-third of its support from gross investment income and more than one-third of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions). | Section 509(a)(2) |
| j | <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is a publicly supported organization but is not sure whether it meets the public support test of h or i. The organization would like the IRS to decide the proper classification. | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) or Section 509(a)(2) |

If you checked one of the boxes a through f in question 9, go to question 14. If you checked box g in question 9, go to questions 11 and 12. If you checked box h, i, or j, in question 9, go to question 10.

Part III Technical Requirements (Continued)

- 10** If you checked box **h, i, or j** in question 9, has the organization completed a tax year of at least 8 months?
 Yes—Indicate whether you are requesting:
 A definitive ruling. (Answer questions 11 through 14.)
 An advance ruling. (Answer questions 11 and 14 and attach two Forms 872-C completed and signed.)
 No—You must request an advance ruling by completing and signing two Forms 872-C and attaching them to the Form 1023.
- 11** If the organization received any unusual grants during any of the tax years shown in Part IV-A, **Statement of Revenue and Expenses**, attach a list for each year showing the name of the contributor; the date and the amount of the grant; and a brief description of the nature of the grant.

- 12** If you are requesting a definitive ruling under section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) or (vi), check here and:
a Enter 2% of line 8, column (e), Total, of Part IV-A
b Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or "publicly supported" organization) whose total gifts, grants, contributions, etc., were more than the amount entered on line 12a above.

- 13** If you are requesting a definitive ruling under section 509(a)(2), check here and:
a For each of the years included on lines 1, 2, and 9 of Part IV-A, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each "disqualified person." (For a definition of "disqualified person," see **Specific Instructions**, Part II, Line 4d, on page 3.)
b For each of the years included on line 9 of Part IV-A, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each payer (other than a "disqualified person") whose payments to the organization were more than \$5,000. For this purpose, "payer" includes, but is not limited to, any organization described in sections 170(b)(1)(A)(i) through (vi) and any governmental agency or bureau.

14 Indicate if your organization is one of the following. If so, complete the required schedule. (Submit only those schedules that apply to your organization. Do not submit blank schedules.)	Yes	No	If "Yes," complete Schedule:
Is the organization a church?		X	A
Is the organization, or any part of it, a school?		X	B
Is the organization, or any part of it, a hospital or medical research organization?		X	C
Is the organization a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization?	X		D
Is the organization a private operating foundation?		X	E
Is the organization, or any part of it, a home for the aged or handicapped?		X	F
Is the organization, or any part of it, a child care organization?		X	G
Does the organization provide or administer any scholarship benefits, student aid, etc.?		X	H
Has the organization taken over, or will it take over, the facilities of a "for profit" institution? . . .		X	I

Part IV Financial Data

Complete the financial statements for the current year and for each of the 3 years immediately before it. If in existence less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence. If in existence less than 1 year, also provide proposed budgets for the 2 years following the current year.

A. Statement of Revenue and Expenses

	Current tax year	3 prior tax years or proposed budget for 2 years			(e) TOTAL
	(a) From ^{10/1/99} to ^{6/30/00}	(b) 1998	(c) 1997	(d) 1996	
Revenue					
1 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (not including unusual grants—see page 6 of the instructions)	\$512,872	\$733,395	-0-	-0-	\$1,246,267
2 Membership fees received	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
3 Gross investment income (see instructions for definition)	-0-	1,137	-0-	-0-	1,137
4 Net income from organization's unrelated business activities not included on line 3	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
5 Tax revenues levied for and either paid to or spent on behalf of the organization	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
6 Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge (not including the value of services or facilities generally furnished the public without charge)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
7 Other income (not including gain or loss from sale of capital assets) (attach schedule)	COST-SHARING ALLOCATION 35,413	COST-SHARING ALLOCATION 29,321	-0-	-0-	64,734
8 Total (add lines 1 through 7)	548,285	763,853	-0-	-0-	1,312,138
9 Gross receipts from admissions, sales of merchandise or services, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is not an unrelated business within the meaning of section 513. Include related cost of sales on line 22	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
10 Total (add lines 8 and 9)	548,285	763,853	-0-	-0-	1,312,138
11 Gain or loss from sale of capital assets (attach schedule)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
12 Unusual grants	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
13 Total revenue (add lines 10 through 12)	\$548,285	\$763,853	-0-	-0-	\$1,312,138
Expenses					
14 Fundraising expenses	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	
15 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	\$ 65,132	\$ 61,709	-0-	-0-	
16 Disbursements to or for benefit of members (attach schedule)	316,078	361,532	-0-	-0-	
17 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (attach schedule)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	
18 Other salaries and wages	8,841	9,113	-0-	-0-	
19 Interest	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	
20 Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.)	16,888	21,483	-0-	-0-	
21 Depreciation and depletion	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	
22 Other (attach schedule)	139,108	216,994	-0-	-0-	
23 Total expenses (add lines 14 through 22)	\$546,047	\$670,831	-0-	-0-	
24 Excess of revenue over expenses (line 13 minus line 23)	\$ 2,238	\$ 93,022			

Part IV Financial Data (Continued)

B. Balance Sheet (at the end of the period shown)		Current tax year Date <u>10/1/99-6/30/00</u>
Assets		
1	Cash	1 \$ 12,782
2	Accounts receivable, net	2 318
3	Inventories	3 -0-
4	Bonds and notes receivable (attach schedule)	4 -0-
5	Corporate stocks (attach schedule)	5 -0-
6	Mortgage loans (attach schedule)	6 -0-
7	Other investments (attach schedule) <u>POOLED INVESTMENT</u>	7 311,388
8	Depreciable and depletable assets (attach schedule)	8 -0-
9	Land	9 -0-
10	Other assets (attach schedule)	10 -0-
11	Total assets (add lines 1 through 10)	11 \$324,488
Liabilities		
12	Accounts payable	12 \$230,494
13	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., payable	13 -0-
14	Mortgages and notes payable (attach schedule)	14 -0-
15	Other liabilities (attach schedule)	15 -0-
16	Total liabilities (add lines 12 through 15)	16 \$230,494
Fund Balances or Net Assets		
17	Total fund balances or net assets	17 \$ 93,995
18	Total liabilities and fund balances or net assets (add line 16 and line 17)	18 \$324,489

If there has been any substantial change in any aspect of the organization's financial activities since the end of the period shown above, check the box and attach a detailed explanation

Schedule D. Section 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1a Organizations supported by the applicant organization: Name and address of supported organization	b Has the supported organization received a ruling or determination letter that it is not a private foundation by reason of section 509(a)(1) or (2)?
SEE ATTACHMENT	SEE ATTACHMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

c If "No" for any of the organizations listed in 1a, explain.

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2 Does the supported organization have tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6)? Yes No
 If "Yes," attach: (a) a copy of its ruling or determination letter, and (b) an analysis of its revenue for the current year and the preceding 3 years. (Provide the financial data using the formats in Part IV-A (lines 1-13) and Part III (lines 11, 12, and 13).)

3 Does your organization's governing document indicate that the majority of its governing board is elected or appointed by the supported organizations? Yes No
 If "Yes," skip to line 9.
 If "No," you must answer the questions on lines 4 through 9.

4 Does your organization's governing document indicate the common supervision or control that it and the supported organizations share? Yes No
 If "Yes," give the article and paragraph numbers. If "No," explain.

5 To what extent do the supported organizations have a significant voice in your organization's investment policies, in the making and timing of grants, and in otherwise directing the use of your organization's income or assets?

6 Does the mentioning of the supported organizations in your organization's governing instrument make it a trust that the supported organizations can enforce under state law and compel to make an accounting? Yes No
 If "Yes," explain.

7a What percentage of your organization's income does it pay to each supported organization?

b What is the total annual income of each supported organization?

c How much does your organization contribute annually to each supported organization?

Schedule D. Section 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (Continued)

8 To what extent does your organization conduct activities that would otherwise be carried on by the supported organizations? Explain why these activities would otherwise be carried on by the supported organizations.

9 Is the applicant organization controlled directly or indirectly by one or more "disqualified persons" (other than one who is a disqualified person solely because he or she is a manager) or by an organization that is not described in section 509(a)(1) or (2)? Yes No
If "Yes," explain.

Instructions

For an explanation of the types of organizations defined in section 509(a)(3) as being excluded from the definition of a private foundation, see Pub. 557, Chapter 3.

Line 1

List each organization that is supported by your organization and indicate in item **1b** if the supported organization has received a letter recognizing exempt status as a section 501(c)(3) public charity as defined in section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2). If you answer "No" in **1b** to any of the listed organizations, please explain in **1c**.

Line 3

Your organization's governing document may be articles of incorporation, articles of association, constitution, trust indenture, or trust agreement.

Line 9

For a definition of a "disqualified person," see **Specific Instructions**, Part II, Line 4d, on page 3 of the application's instructions.

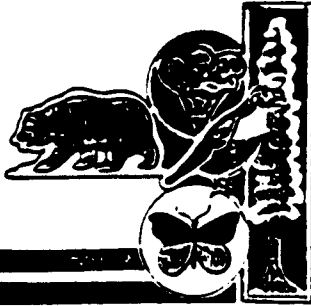
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Dallas, TX 75236
EIN #95-3494561

Part I
Line Item #7
Attachment #1

Wycliffe Bible Translators International (WBTI) incorporated in the State of California on March 12, 1980 (see attachment #2). On May 18, 1981 the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) granted WBTI exempt status under section 501(c)(3) (see attachment #3).

In the early '90's, WBTI moved its corporate headquarters from California to Texas. On April 28, 1994 WBTI changed its domicile from California to Texas by incorporating in Texas (see attachment #4). In a letter dated April 19, 1995 the treasurer of WBTI informed the IRS of this change of domicile (see attachment #5). The IRS responded with a letter dated June 22, 1995 indicating that the exempt status of WBTI continued through the change of domicile to Texas (see attachment #6). Based on that letter, we made no reapplication.

However, we recently received correspondence from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts that the IRS, in ruling 67-390 (see attachment #7), now requires an exempt organization which changes domicile to re-apply for exempt status. Therefore this application is made in response to that correspondence.



State
of
California

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Wycliffe Bible Translators International, Inc.
7500 West Camp Wisdom Road
Dallas, TX 75236
EIN #95-3494561

Part I
Line Item #7
Attachment #2

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING
DOMESTIC CORPORATION

I, MARCH FONG EU, *Secretary of State of the State of California*, hereby certify:

That on the 12th day of March, 1980,

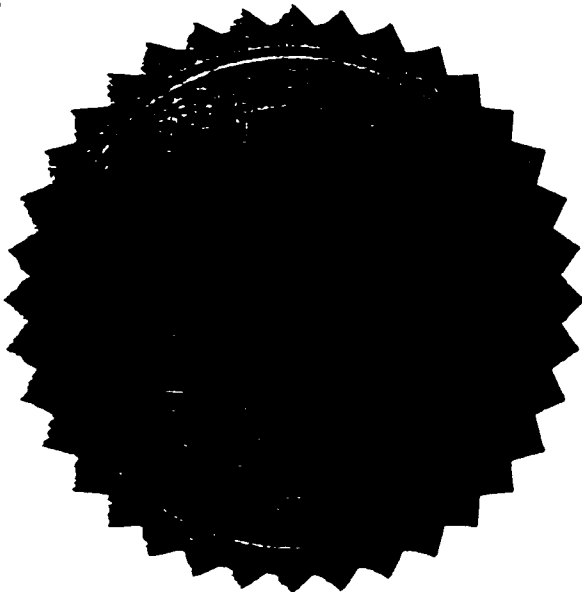
WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

became incorporated under the laws of the State of California by filing its Articles of Incorporation in this office.

That no record exists in this office of a certificate of winding up and dissolution of said corporation nor of a court decree or order declaring dissolution thereof, nor of a merger or consolidation which terminated its existence; that said corporation's corporate powers, rights and privileges are not suspended of record in this office; and

That according to the records of this office, the said corporation is duly organized, subsisting, and in good standing, and is authorized to exercise all its corporate powers, rights and privileges and to transact business in the State of California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute
this certificate and affix the Great
Seal of the State of California this
3rd day of July, 1981



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Secretary of State

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Internal Revenue Service 7500 W. CAMP WISDOM RD.
District Director

DALLAS, TX 75236
EIN #95-3494561

Department of the Treasury

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Employer Identification Number:

95-3494561

Accounting Period Ending:

December 31

Form 990 Required: Yes No

Person to Contact:

B. Brewer

Contact Telephone Number:

(213) 688-4889

▷ Wycliffe Bible Translators
International, Inc.
19891 Beach Boulevard
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

We have further determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code, because you are an organization described in section 509(a)(3).

If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. Also, you should inform us of all changes in your name or address.

Generally, you are not liable for social security (FICA) taxes unless you file a waiver of exemption certificate as provided in the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. If you have paid FICA taxes without filing the waiver, you should contact us. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Since you are not a private foundation, you are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other Federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other Federal taxes, please let us know.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

The box checked in the heading of this letter shows whether you must file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income tax. If Yes is checked, you are required to file Form 990 only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$10,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$10 a day, up to a maximum of \$5,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

P.O. Box 2350, Los Angeles, Calif. 90053

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Letter 947(DO) (5-77)

You are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees.

If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, a number will be assigned to you and you will be advised of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



District Director

This letter supersedes our letter dated September 9, 1980.



The State of Texas

SECRETARY OF STATE
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC.
CHARTER NO. 1310465


The undersigned, as Secretary of State of Texas, hereby certifies that the attached Articles of Incorporation for the above named corporation have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

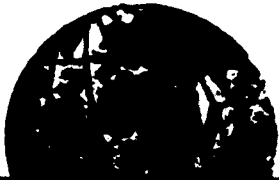
ACCORDINGLY, the undersigned, as Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Incorporation.

Issuance of this Certificate of Incorporation does not authorize the use of a corporate name in this state in violation of the rights of another under the federal Trademark Act of 1946, the Texas trademark law, the Assumed Business or Professional Name Act, or the common law.

Dated: April 28, 1994




Secretary of State



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Wycliffe Bible Translators International, Inc.
7500 West Camp Wisdom Road
Dallas, TX 75236
EIN #95-3494561

Bible Translators International

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April 19, 1995

7500 W. Camp Wisdom Road
Dallas, Texas 75236-5689 USA

Internal Revenue Service
Department of the Treasury
1100 Commerce St.
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear IRS;

Please be advised that Wycliffe Bible Translators International, Inc., an exempt organization, has changed its corporate site from the state of California to the State of Texas.

Our new address is:

Wycliffe Bible Translators International, Inc.
7500 W. Camp Wisdom Rd.
Dallas, TX 75236

Our former address was:

Wycliffe Bible Translators International, Inc.
19891 Beach Boulevard
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

We are enclosing a copy of the exemption letter for your convenience.

If you have any comments or questions regarding this change, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Oran West, Treasurer

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Enc.

David Cummings
President

Steven N. Sheldon
Executive Director

David Bendor-Samuel
Vice President
Wycliffe Organizations

Phone 214/709-2400

Fax 214/709-2433

Internet _@_si.org

Wycliffe Bible Translators International, Inc.
7500 West Camp Wisdom Road
Dallas, TX 75236
EIN #95-3494561

**INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
District Director**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
1100 Commerce St., Dallas, TX 75242**

Wycliffe Bible Translators
International Inc
7500 W Camp Wisdom Rd.
Dallas, Texas 75236

Person to Contact:
Barbara Mitchell

Telephone Number:
(214)767-6023

Refer Reply to:
EP/EO:MC:4940 DAL

Date:
June 22, 1995

EIN:
95-3494561

Dear Sir or Madam:

Our records show that Wycliffe Bible Translators International Inc is exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This exemption was granted May 1991 and remains in full force and effect. Contributions to your organization are deductible in the manner and to the extent provided by section 170 of the code.

We have classified your organization as one that is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your organization is described in section 509(a)(3).

If we may be of further assistance, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely Yours,

Barbara Mitchell

Customer Service Representative
EP/EO Customer Service Section



COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

P.O. BOX 13528
AUSTIN, TX 78711-3528

December 10, 1999

Wycliffe Bible Translators International, Inc.
7500 W. Camp Wisdom Rd.
Dallas, TX 75236
EIN #95-3494561

David T. Cram
Wycliffe Bible Translators International, Inc.
7500 W. Camp Wisdom Rd.
Dallas, TX 75236-5699

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Dear Mr. Cram:

Thank you for the additional information on Wycliffe Bible Translators International, Inc., Taxpayer No. 1-95-3494561-3. Unfortunately, I still cannot take any action to exempt the corporation from the state taxes at this time.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Revenue Ruling 67-390 also states that an exempt organization incorporated under the laws of one state and subsequently reincorporated under the laws of another state with no change in its purposes, must file an application for exemption to establish that the new entity qualifies for exemption under the Code and applicable regulations. When you create a Texas corporation based on this IRS Revenue Ruling, the corporation must reapply and qualify for a federal exemption of its own before we may consider it for exemption from the franchise tax and sales tax.

The information you have provided, indicates the corporation notified the IRS that the corporation had only changed its corporate site, but did not notify them that the corporation is now domiciled in Texas.

If the Texas corporation applies for and receives a federal exemption of its own under IRC Section 501(c)(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (10), (16), (19), or (25), please provide a photocopy of the IRS determination letter so we may reconsider the corporation for the exemption from the state taxes.

Please send the corporation's determination letter to my attention at the Exempt Organizations Section, P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

If you have any questions, please call me toll free at 1-800-531-5441, extension 3-4726.

Sincerely,

Judy Evanicky
Exempt Organizations Section

Wycliffe Bible Translators International, Inc.
7500W. Camp Wisdom Rd.
Dallas, TX 75236
EIN #95-3494561

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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Secretary of State of Texas

APR 28 1994

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC. Corporations Section

I, the undersigned natural person over the age of eighteen (18), acting as an incorporator, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation of Wycliffe Bible Translators International, Inc. (referred to as the "Corporation") under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act (referred to as the "Act"):

ARTICLE 1

The name of the Corporation is **WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

ARTICLE 2

The purposes for which this religious Corporation is formed are:

A. The specific and primary purpose is to promote:

1. The translation of the Word of God into all those languages of the world where it is needed.
2. The advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth, and the creation of a larger Christian fellowship to provide a vehicle by means of which Christian people can become involved in Bible translation.
3. The formation of other organizations to promote the translation of the Word of God into all those languages of the world where it is needed.

B. The general purposes and powers are:

1. To receive donations, acquire, hold, and invest money and property both real and personal, including money and property received by gift, contribution, bequest, or devise; to sell and convert property, both real and personal, into cash, and to use the funds of this Corporation and the proceeds, income, rents, issues, and profits derived from any property of this Corporation for any of the purposes for which this Corporation is formed;
2. To purchase, acquire, own, hold, sell, assign, transfer, dispose of, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, or encumber, and to deal in shares, bonds, notes, debentures, or other securities or evidences of indebtedness of any person, firm, corporation, or association and, while the owner or holder of them, to

exercise all rights, powers, and privileges of ownership;

3. To purchase or acquire, own, hold, use, lease (either as lessor or lessee), sell, exchange, assign, convey, dispose of, mortgage, hypothecate, or encumber real and personal property;
4. To enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit on amount, with any person, firm, association or corporation, municipality, county, parish, state, territory, government, or other municipal or governmental subdivision;
5. To borrow money, incur indebtedness, and to secure repayment by mortgage, pledge, deed of trust, or other hypothecation of property, both real and personal; and
6. To do all things necessary, expedient, or appropriate to the accomplishment of any of the objects and purposes for which this corporation is formed.

Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes and powers, this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purpose of this Corporation.

No part of the activities of this Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

No part of the net earnings of this Corporation shall inure to or for the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it is formed.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

ARTICLE 3

This Corporation is organized pursuant to the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Texas.

ARTICLE 4

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 7500 W. Camp Wisdom Road, Dallas, Texas 75236. The name of the initial registered agent at this office is Robert

T. Lipps.

ARTICLE 5

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE 6

The authorized number and qualifications of members of this Corporation, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting and other rights and privileged of members, and their liability for dues and assessments and the method of collection thereof shall be set forth in the Bylaws. However, until adoption of such Bylaw provisions, those persons named as the initial directors of this Corporation shall also comprise the membership of this Corporation.

ARTICLE 7

The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes set forth in Article 2 hereof and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, the assets remaining after payment or provision for payment of all debts and liabilities of this Corporation shall be distributed to Summer Institute of Linguistics, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation. If this corporation is not then tax exempt under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, such assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or to the State of Texas.

ARTICLE 8

The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity of Directors until the election of their successors are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1. Earl Adams	Box 2727, Huntington Beach, CA 92647
2. Micah Amukobole	P.O. Box 44456, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa
3. Bob Creson	B.P. 1299, Yaounde, Cameroon, West Africa
4. David Cummings	Graham Road, Kangaroo Ground, VIC. 3097, Australia
5. Nico Daams	Postbus 150, 3970 AD Driebergen, Netherlands
6. Raymond Gordon	P.O. Box 188, Eastlake, CO 80614
7. Bruce Hollenbach	P.O. Box 8987 CRB, Tucson, Arizona 85738-0987
8. Mildred Larson	Tanglin P.O. Box 0466, Singapore 9124
9. Don Lindholm	P.O. Box 5741, Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria, West Africa
10. Scott MacGregor	P.O. Box 2270 CPO, 1099 Manila, Philippines
11. Bill McIlvain	3113 Sunrise, Cheyenne, WY 82001

- 12. Carolyn Miller
- 13. Hyatt Moore
- 14. Frank Robbins
- 15. Donald M. Robertson
- 16. Don Toland
- 17. John Bendor-Samuel

P.O. Box 20, Nakhon Phanon 48000, Thailand
 P.O. Box 2727, Huntington Beach, CA 92647
 7500 W. Camp Wisdom Road, Dallas, Texas 75236
 328 Frank Street, Ottawa, Ontario K2P OX8 Canada
 P.O. Ukarumpa via Lae, Papua New Guinea
 Horsleys Green, High Wycombe, Bucks HP14 3XL,
 England, United Kingdom

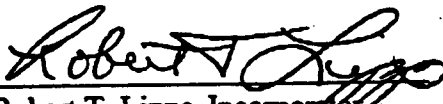
ARTICLE IX

All references in these Articles of Incorporation to statutes, regulations, or other sources of legal authority shall refer to the authorities cited, or their successors, as they may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE X

The name and street address of the incorporator is Robert T. Lipps, 7500 W. Camp Wisdom Road, Dallas, Texas 75236.

I execute these Articles of Incorporation on April 19, 1994.


 Robert T. Lipps, Incorporator

BYLAWS OF
WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC.
7500 W. CAMP WISDOM ROAD
DALLAS, TEXAS 75236

EIN #95-3494561

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ARTICLE I
CORPORATE POWERS

The Corporate powers of this Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors selected in the manner designated in Article XI of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE II
SEAL

The Corporation shall have a common seal consisting of a circle having on its circumference the words, "WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC." and inside the inner circle the words "INCORPORATED 1980."

ARTICLE III
OFFICE

The Corporation shall maintain its principal office in Dallas County, State of Texas, but may have offices and transact business at such other places as the Board of Directors may from time to time appoint.

ARTICLE IV
RELATIONSHIPS

This Corporation coordinates the activities of and represents the Member Organizations of WBTI. It works in cooperation with the Summer Institute of Linguistics, Inc.

ARTICLE V
DOCTRINAL POSITION

The organizers of this Corporation have gone to the Scriptures for the doctrinal basis of the Corporation as well as for its financial principles. The Corporation was formed under a deep sense of the world's pressing need, and with an earnest desire, constrained by the love of Christ and the hope of His coming, to obey His command to preach the Gospel to every creature. Its aim is, by the help of God, to take the word of God, the Holy Bible, to all peoples in their own language.

The Corporation is evangelical. The Member Organizations of WBTI include individuals from many denominations of Christians. Duly qualified workers are accepted by Member Organizations of WBTI irrespective of national or denominational affiliations.

Doctrinal Basis:

1. The divine inspiration and consequent authority of the whole canonical Scriptures.
2. The doctrine of the Trinity.
3. The fall of man, his consequent moral depravity and his need of regeneration.
4. The atonement through the substitutionary death of Christ.
5. The doctrine of justification by faith.
6. The resurrection of the body, both in the case of the just and of the unjust.
7. The eternal life of the saved and eternal punishment of the lost.

Member Organizations of WBTI accept the above doctrinal statement and agree to inform WBTI of any change in their doctrinal basis. Such change may be grounds for termination of membership in WBTI.

ARTICLE VI
MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS OF WBTI

1. Organizations that request membership of this Corporation will be admitted by satisfying the Board of Directors that:
 - a. They share the purposes of WBTI as expressed in the Articles of Incorporation, Article II.
 - b. They have a basis of faith equivalent to the statement in Article V of these Bylaws.
 - c. They share the same standards of organizational operations as defined by the Board of Directors.
 - d. They agree to financial standards as defined by the Board of Directors.
 - e. They agree to standards for individual members as defined by the Board of Directors.
 - f. They have an operational statement acceptable to the Board.

2. The Board of Directors is responsible to ensure that these standards continue to be met and has the authority to terminate the membership of any Member Organization of WBTI. The termination procedure shall be as follows:
 - a. By a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote the Board shall place a Member Organization of WBTI on probation.
 - b. The Board shall issue a statement giving the reasons for this action. This statement shall be given to the organization placed on probation and circulated to all Member Organizations of WBTI.
 - c. The Member Organization of WBTI concerned shall have the right to be represented at the next meeting of the Board when by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the entire Board its membership may be terminated.
3. Member Organizations of WBTI may also take action to terminate their relationship to the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII FINANCES

The Corporation recognizes the role of the whole church in reaching Bibleless peoples; it therefore welcomes the financial and prayer support of God's people. The needs of the work are laid before God in prayer and may also be presented to constituencies, to each in a way appropriate to its interest in the work, with sensitivity and propriety, in a spirit of dependence on God.

The Corporation guarantees no fixed support but ministers to its workers as funds received permit. Member Organizations of WBTI and their members are expected to depend on God alone for the supply of their temporal needs.

ARTICLE VIII STAFF

The Staff of WBTI will be seconded to WBTI by the Member Organization of WBTI to which they belong. The nature of the service of such staff will be agreed upon by WBTI and the Member Organization of WBTI. Any change of status for such staff will be enacted by the Member Organization of WBTI upon recommendation of the appropriate administrator of WBTI.

ARTICLE IX DISCIPLINE

All final action with regard to the discipline of individual members of Member Organizations of WBTI and the appeal of the member is the responsibility of the Member Organization of WBTI to which that individual belongs as provided for in its Constitution.

ARTICLE X INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

1. Meetings

An International Convention shall meet at least once every three years. Regular meetings of the Convention shall be held at the same general time and place as the International Conference of the Summer Institute of Linguistics, Inc. (SIL).
2. Purpose

The purpose of the Convention shall be:

 - a. to recommend international strategies, goals and priorities to Member Organizations as they work with each other and with SIL, Inc.
 - b. to facilitate cooperation, coordination and communication among Member Organizations as they work with each other and with SIL, Inc.
 - c. to provide a forum for dialogue, information and inspiration to Member Organizations.
 - d. to elect the Board of Directors.
 - e. to initiate changes in the WBTI Constitution and Bylaws, and changes in the standards for Member Organizations, for subsequent vote by Wycliffe Organizations as provided for in Article XX.
 - f. to serve as a board of appeal on terminations of the membership of Member Organizations by the Board of Directors.
 - g. to take other action relating to the association of Member Organizations as appropriate.
3. Delegates
 - a. Each Member Organization to which the Board has granted voting rights shall select two people to be delegates. These have voice and vote on all matters.
 - b. Associate and Affiliate Organizations
 - 1) Each Associate Organization to which the Board has granted voting rights shall select two people to be delegates.

- 2) Each Affiliate Organization to which the Board has granted voting rights shall select one person to be a delegate.
- 3) These delegates may vote on all matters except those defined by the WBTI Board as relating exclusively to Member Organizations and to the relationship of such organizations to WBTI and SIL.
- c. Delegate status shall terminate with the selection of delegates for the succeeding Convention. No delegate shall serve more than three (3) years without being reselected.
4. Official Observers
 - a. Official Observers have voice but no vote at the WBTI Convention.
 - b. The WBTI Board of Directors, WBTI Vice Presidents and WBTI Area Directors shall be Official Observers to the Convention by virtue of their offices, unless they are delegates representing a Member Organization.
 - c. Each SIL entity may designate one member from its delegation to the SIL International Conference to be an Official Observer at the WBTI Convention.
 - d. Each Member and Associate Organization to which the Board has not granted voting rights may select two persons to be Official Observers.
 - e. Each Affiliate Organization to which the Board has not granted voting rights may select one person to be an Official Observer.
 - f. Other Official Observers may be selected by the Convention, the WBTI Board or by organizations so authorized by the WBTI Board (e.g. an Applicant Wycliffe Organization). Such additional Official Observers will be approved, prior to being seated, by the WBTI Board according to principles established by the Convention.
5. A quorum for transacting business at the Convention shall consist of sixty percent (60%) of all delegates.
6. A special Convention may be called at any time by the written request of at least one-third (1/3) of the Member Organizations which together represent at least one tenth (1/10) of the total International Voting membership of all Member Organizations. Notice of such special meetings shall be given in writing at least six (6) weeks prior to such special meeting. Notice shall be deemed complete upon deposit with postal authorities or dispatch by electronic media.

ARTICLE XI SETTING ASIDE CONVENTION ACTIONS

A legislative action of the Convention, other than a change in the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws or standards for Member Organizations, shall be set aside only if at least one third (1/3) of the Member Organizations which together represent a majority of the total International Voting Membership of all Member Organizations so determine. The Board shall define the procedure whereby Member Organizations may initiate such an action. A vote to set aside a Convention action may be cast by a Member Organization only after it has submitted the matter to its International Voting Members as provided for within its regulations.

For a Convention action to be set aside, the required number of votes must be received by the Secretary of WBTI within eighteen months after an action has been taken by the Convention.

ARTICLE XII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Powers.
 - a. The Board of Directors shall have power to conduct, manage and control the affairs and business of the Corporation, and to make rules not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Texas, for the guidance and management of the affairs of the Corporation.
 - b. The Board of Directors shall have power to appoint and remove, at its pleasure, any and all officers, agents and employees of the Corporation, including a manager, and shall prescribe their duties and fix their compensation, if any, provided however that the Board of Directors shall not enter into any contract of employment for and on behalf of this Corporation which shall extend for a period of more than five (5) years.
 - c. The Board of Directors shall have power to incur indebtedness, the terms and amount of which shall be entered in the minutes of the Board, and the note or obligation, if any, given for the same, signed officially by the President and the Secretary, shall be binding on the Corporation.
2. Positions.

The Board of Directors shall consist of thirteen (13) persons to be selected by position as follows:

 - a. President of this Corporation.
 - b. Four (4) Directors of Member Organizations of WBTI.
 - c. One (1) person who is a member of an Associate or Affiliate Organization of WBTI.
 - d. Three (3) people from the constituency, i.e. people who are not career members.

- e. One (1) career member (of a Wycliffe Organization) at large.
 - f. Three (3) people who are members of the Board of Directors of SIL, Inc. (selected by the WBTI Convention). No individual may fill two (2) positions on the Board concurrently.
3. Term of Office.
Board members shall take office immediately following the Convention at which they are elected and shall serve until the end of the following regular meeting of the Convention at which a new Board is elected.
4. Vacancies.
- a. Vacancies in the positions of Directors of Member Organizations shall be filled by alternates as determined by the Convention or Board.
 - b. Vacancies in other positions shall be filled by appointment by the Board; such members shall serve until their successors are elected and seated.
5. Manner of Election.
The Convention shall elect people for each position by voting on a slate of nominees for each category of Board member presented to it by the nominating committee. Each slate shall contain at least twice as many names as there are places to be filled for each category, and in the case of the member of an Associate or Affiliate Organization, shall contain at least three names. The Convention shall vote on each slate, with or without further nominations. The voting shall be by assigning an ordered preference to the names of all nominees. Those nominees receiving the highest preferential vote shall be elected.
- In the case of the slates of nominees for Directors of Members Organizations of WBTI, for people from the constituency, and for the member of an Associate or Affiliate Organization, names may be presented to the nominating committee by the Directors of Members Organizations of WBTI, by the governing bodies of Members Organizations, and by the Directors of Associate or Affiliate Organizations, respectively.
All members of the Board of Directors shall be eligible to fulfill successive terms.
6. Meetings.
The Board of Directors shall meet at least semiannually. Special meetings may be called by the President, in which case, notice shall be given in writing to all members at least twenty-one (21) days prior to such meeting. Notice shall be deemed to be given upon deposit of such writing with the postal authorities or dispatch by electronic media. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of seven (7) Board members at each meeting.
7. Administrative Committee.
- a. There shall be an Administrative Committee of the Board of Directors with six (6) members appointed by the Board with a quorum of three (3) to handle routine Board actions as necessary between meetings of the full Board. The Administrative Committee shall meet as called by its appointed Chairman.
 - b. The Administrative Committee may take any action without a meeting that may be required or permitted to be taken by the Administrative Committee at a meeting, if all members of the Administrative Committee individually or collectively consent in writing to the action. The written consent or consents shall be filed in the minutes of the proceedings of the Administrative Committee. The action by written consent shall have the same effect as an unanimous vote of members of the Committee. Any certificate or other document filed with the minutes of the proceedings shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Administrative Committee without a meeting and that the Bylaws of the Corporation authorize this action.
8. Committees of the Board.
The Board of Directors shall appoint standing committees for finance and personnel and prescribe the functions of those committees. The Board may appoint such other committees as it deems proper.

ARTICLE XIII OFFICERS

The officers of this Corporation shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. One person may concurrently occupy more than one office except the offices of President and Secretary.

The Board of Directors shall appoint an Executive Director who shall be the chief administrative officer of this Corporation with all the powers and responsibilities which may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

In addition the Board of Directors shall from time to time appoint other administrative officers, such as Administrative Vice Presidents and Area Directors, and shall prescribe the functions, authority, and responsibilities for such administrative officers as may be appointed.

ARTICLE XIV PRESIDENT

The President shall be elected by the International Convention. The President shall provide vision and stimulus for the accomplishment of the purposes and for the completion of the task of this Corporation. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Corporation and Directors.

The President shall sign all certificates of membership, also all contracts and other instruments of writing which have first been approved by the Board of Directors, and shall draw checks upon the treasury when thereto directed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV VICE PRESIDENT

The Board of Directors shall elect the Vice President from among its members. In the event of the absence or inability of the President to act, the Vice President shall assume the responsibilities of signing legal documents and calling and chairing meetings.

ARTICLE XVI SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and of the meetings of the members; shall keep the Seal of the Corporation and affix the same to such papers and instruments that may be required in the regular course of business; shall make service of such notices as may be necessary or proper; and shall discharge such other duties as pertain to the office or as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVII TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be responsible for receiving and safely keeping funds, securities, and properties owned directly by the Corporation; invest and/or manage same at the discretion of the Board; review on behalf of the Board all financial statements and balance sheets of departments, subsidiaries, entities, and funds of the Corporation; and shall discharge such other duties as pertain to the office or as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVIII ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Board of Directors may appoint an Advisory Council consisting of an indefinite number of members which may be increased or diminished from time to time as the Board of Directors shall direct. The Advisory Council, from time to time, shall consider and make recommendations concerning such questions as may be submitted to them by the President.

ARTICLE XIX PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall be the authority of parliamentary procedure at all meetings.

ARTICLE XX AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation or to these Bylaws, and changes in the standards for Member Organizations, may be proposed for consideration by a WBTI Convention either by the governing body of a Member Organization or by the WBTI Board. Alternatively, they may be initiated by the Convention itself. If such amendments are approved by the Convention, each Member Organization shall cast a single vote to either confirm or reject the action, its decision being reached after submitting the matter to its International Voting Members as provided for within its regulations.

For the amendments and changes to become effective, a majority of the Members Organizations which together represent at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total International Voting membership of all Member Organizations must vote in favor of the action and the changes, when necessary, be registered legally in the State of Texas.

For an amendment or change to become effective, the required number of votes must be received by the Secretary of WBTI within eighteen months after an action has been taken by the Convention.

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC.
APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF EXEMPTION
Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Wycliffe Bible Translators International

Wycliffe Bible Translators International (WBTI) is an association of Wycliffe Bible Translator organizations presently serving 32 countries. WBTI's corporate mission is to glorify God in obedience to the Great Commission through a unique strategy that integrates Scripture translation, scholarship and service so that all people will have access to God's Word in their own language. To that end we have conducted the following activities since the organization was formed in 1980:

1. Facilitate the work of member organizations of WBTI including Wycliffe Organizations, Associate and Affiliate Organizations, and Cooperating Agencies. This includes identifying long-range concerns for the work of Wycliffe, and giving leadership in addressing these concerns. This focuses not only on problem areas, but opportunities for being more effective. WBTI negotiates and interprets general policies, guidelines and procedures for interaction among its member organizations. It implements decisions regarding policy changes or developments, through meetings and key periodicals. It acts as a consultant and advisor to the directors and governing bodies of the member organizations. It also handles procedures regarding the granting or change of status for all categories of WBTI member organizations. (47% of resources)
2. Develop materials and/or systems that will meet the needs of WBTI member organizations that will help them to be more effective in their programs and inter-relationships. This includes Strategic Planning, Project Funding, Recruitment, Staff Member Care, Furlough Planning, Short-term Programs, etc. Included is the development of materials and programs for training/assisting member organization boards and staff in the effective fulfillment of their responsibilities. (28% of resources)

3. Share the vision for and need of Bible translation into all the languages of the world with people from all countries of the world. Stimulate, develop and coordinate activities that encourage the initiation of new Bible translation organizations in response to that vision. This includes developing and maintaining relationships with other organizations involved in similar or complementary tasks that further Bible translation. (25% of resources)