WYCLIFFE BIBLE BUYS LARGE TRACT OF LAND THE BIBLE TRANSLATING GROUP BOUGHT 815 ACRES IN ORANGE COUNTY.

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A California missionary group relocating its headquarters to Central Florida bought 815 acres in southeast Orange County for \$6.5 million cash.

Wycliffe Bible Translators of Huntington Beach plans to build a headquarters that will initially have a staff of about 300.

About 100 people will be transferred from California, and about 200 new hires and volunteers will be added, the company said earlier when announcing the relocation.

Over several years, the staff could grow to as many as 600.

Relatively low housing costs and nearby Orlando International Airport were factors in the group's move.

Officials at Wycliffe could not be reached Tuesday.

The property is off Moss Park Road, east of State Road 15A and adjacent to the north boundary of Campus Crusade for Christ's new world headquarters.

Campus Crusade recently moved about 900 people into a 260,000- square-foot center.

Wycliffe is expected to lease space off Sand Lake Road previously occupied by Campus Crusade while its headquarters is being built.

The nonprofit group specializes in producing Bibles for distribution by missionaries in developing countries.

Orlando has become a gathering place for religious organizations, creating hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars in annual economic impact.

Wycliffe bought the land from the Carter Land Trust. Daryl M. Carter of Maury L. Carter & Associates was the broker in the transaction.

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