

IREF is an indigenous Indian mission operating in the Telegu-speaking state of Andhra Pradesh. It was founded in 1950 by a former teacher, Prasada Rao. Over the past two decades, IREF has gained an excellent reputation for providing high quality education for the rural poor of India.



IREF currently runs four boarding schools, three of them in Tribal Colony areas. Between them, the four schools provide much needed education for around 1500 children and young people.

The largest school is in the town of Repalle, which is also home to

- **IREF's Junior College**, for 16-18 year olds;
- **IREF's Degree College**, offering Master's degrees as well as a variety of BA and BSc courses for its 600 students;
- **IREF's Teacher Training College**, offering a two-year BEd qualification;
- **IREF's Nurses' College**, providing a one-year foundation course in public health and hygiene, and a four-year degree course in nursing.
- As scope for further expansion in Repalle is very limited, IREF is pioneering a number of **Child Development Centres** in villages where it already has its own church building. IREF's CDC's enhance the education that a child receives through its government run school, by providing additional free tuition.

All IREF's school and educational establishments are open to children and young people of all backgrounds and religions. However, they appeal most to the poorest sectors of Indian society, who have no other opportunities for self-improvement.

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For further details, consult our website www.iref.co.uk or use the contact details on the sponsorship form.

AN INVITATION TO **Sponsor a Teacher**

for some of India's poorest children

From a mud-hut to a medical school – could you help someone's dream come true?

Jyothi wanted to become a doctor; but she came from one of the poorest regions of India. Her parents earned their living by digging irrigation ditches amongst the many rice fields in the coastal area of Andhra Pradesh known as 'the rice bowl of India', near where the River Krishna flows into the Bay of Bengal.



But thanks to the high quality education Jyothi has received through the **India Rural Evangelical Fellowship**, she may have a chance to fulfil her dream. She was given a place at IREF's John's School in Repalle when she was seven years old, and then now moved on to IREF's Junior College to study for

A-level type exams. Her goal was to be accepted for IREF's Degree College, to take one of their three-year science courses, and then apply for a place at one of India's medical schools. *From her mud-hut to a medical school would be a dream come true for Jyothi!*

Jyothi's story could be repeated many times over. IREF educates around 1,300 children in its four boarding schools, three of which are in very remote and deprived Tribal Colony areas. A further 200 students are studying at IREF's Junior College and 1,000 at its Degree College – not to mention the 20 students IREF trains each year as nurses, the 50 it trains each year as teachers!



Since IREF founded its first school in 1984, thousands of children and young people from some of the poorest backgrounds in India have benefited from IREF's excellent education programme.



**But none of this
is possible
without the
dedicated skill of
IREF's many
teachers.**

*This is where we can play our part
in helping people's dreams come true.*

For as little as 30p a day, you could help sponsor one of IREF's teachers! The starting salary for a teacher at one of IREF's four boarding schools is about £150 per year, rising with experience and responsibility to around £450 per year typically. The teachers also receive free board and lodging. When given under the Gift Aid scheme, £150 a year works out at *only 31p a day!*

Starting salaries for lecturers at IREF's Degree College are about £450 per annum (less than £1 a day when given via the Gift Aid scheme), and also rise with seniority and responsibility. Salaries for the tutors at IREF's Teacher Training College are typically around £1,050 per annum (just over £2 a day when Gift Aided).



Through our ***Sponsor a Teacher scheme***, you could have the privilege of sponsoring a primary school teacher, a secondary school teacher, a Tribal Colony teacher, a Child Development Centre teacher, a Junior College tutor, a Degree College lecturer, a Teacher Training

College tutor, or a Nursing instructor! As a sponsor, you would be supplied with a photograph of your sponsored teacher and some brief biographical details. You would be able to correspond with your sponsored teacher, by post or e-mail.

***If you would like to help support one of IREF's teachers,
please complete the sponsorship form.***

IREF TEACHER SPONSORSHIP FORM

I would like to sponsor (please tick one or more boxes):

- a Primary School teacher
- a Tribal Colony teacher
- a Child Development Centre teacher
- a Secondary School teacher
- a Junior College tutor
- a Degree College lecturer
- a Teacher Training College tutor
- a Nursing instructor

If possible, I would like to be linked with someone who teaches [specify preferred subject(s)]:

I would like my sponsorship to run at £ a year.

*Minimum payment: £150 per year (or £114 if Gift Aided).
Payments may be made monthly, quarterly, half-yearly,
or annually, and can be given via the Gift Aid scheme.*

- I would like my contribution to benefit from Gift Aid.
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Your name:

Your address:

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Your telephone:

Your e-mail:



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Copies of IREF (UK)'s annual accounts are available on request.

When completed, please return this form to

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