

This is how you can help.

It costs about £100 a year to care for each child at one of IREF's CDCs. Each child is provided with a school uniform, textbooks, workbooks, a nourishing meal each day, and basic health care. A small proportion of the funding will be used by IREF to cover its administrative costs for each child.

⇒ ***You could sponsor a child – for as little as £1 per week!***

We recognise that not everyone can afford the full cost of sponsoring a child. So we have come up with the new idea of ***co-sponsorship*** for the children in IREF's care.

⇒ ***For just £1 a week***, you could sponsor a child alongside another such sponsor, whom we would find. Each sponsor will receive a profile of their sponsored child, consisting of a photograph and brief biographical details.

⇒ ***For £2 a week***, you could be a child's sole sponsor.

Donations can be made under the **Gift Aid** scheme, reducing the costs given above by 22% for basic rate taxpayers.

Full details of IREF's CDC project and their many other activities are available on request.

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If you would like to make a real difference to some of the poorest children in rural India, please complete the enclosed sponsorship form.

AN INVITATION TO

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Ullipalem is a small village in rural India, not far from where the River Krishna empties its waters into the Bay of Bengal. The village is surrounded by rice fields. This is where many of the villagers work to eke out their subsistence living. Most village families live in a simple, single-room mud hut, with a mud floor and thatched roof.



But appearances can be deceptive. Though poor, these villagers aren't lacking in intelligence. It's simply that they have never had a good opportunity to develop their potential to the full.

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Read on to find out how ...

In 2002, a **Church Building** was constructed in the village. It was paid for by Airdrie Baptist Church in Scotland. The church building serves not only as a worship centre for the 100-strong congregation who meet in it each Sunday. It also serves as a cyclone shelter for the whole village community in stormy weather. In addition, the building is used each weekday for one of IREF's **Child Development Centres**.



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 two boarding schools, one of them in a Tribal Colony area.

Between them, the schools provide much needed education for about 1,500 children and young people.

IREF's main 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; and
- **IREF's Nurses' Training Institute**, providing a one-year foundation course in public health and hygiene and a four-year degree course.

As scope for further expansion in Repalle is very limited, IREF is pioneering a number of **Child Development Centres** in villages such as Ullipalem where it already has a church building.

Many of the rural villages in Andhra Pradesh already have a government-run school, catering for children up to the age of 10. But the education most of them can offer is quite limited. They are normally staffed by only one teacher, who has the daunting task of trying to meet the educational needs of pupils across the entire primary level age-range.

IREF's CDCs seek to enhance the education a child receives through its government-run school, by providing *additional tuition* after school hours (parents often have to work in the rice fields in the evenings and at weekends). Each CDC is staffed by at least two qualified teachers, who are able to offer one-to-one tuition where needed, as well as whole class lessons.

Health care and hygiene classes, physical and recreational activities, and a spiritual education programme are included in the curriculum for each child, alongside its academic syllabus.

Refreshments are provided for each child when he/she arrives at the centre; supper is provided at the end of each day's tutoring session.

Each Sunday, the children are encouraged to attend IREF's village **church service**, along with their parents, as part of the support that IREF seeks to offer to whole families; but there is no element of compulsion or coercion.

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

SPONSORSHIP FORM

I would like to sponsor:

- a CDC child at £..... a year (£52 or £104 per annum).
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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