

# IREF (UK) News Letter – November 2012

## **Seeing the Light**

Greetings, dear IREF friends and family!

*My name is Nirosha. I am from a small village called Korivi in the Warangal District (approximately 10 hours away from Repalle). I come from a line of strong followers of the Hindu lord Venakateswara. Being a member of an orthodox Hindu family, I used to perform pujas (prayers) every day.*

*Unexpectedly, I came to Repalle and enrolled for a course at IREF's Intermediate (Junior) College. At first, I was very uncomfortable because of the circumstances and the atmosphere here at Gospel Fields. Because of my Hindu upbringing, I wasn't aware of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Holy Bible. But through the daily evening devotions and the powerful messages of our director, Dr Emmanuel Rebba, I came to understand more about Jesus Christ and Christian doctrines. At the same time, I used to approach my seniors to clear up the doubts I had about Jesus Christ.*

*A message spoken by Dr Rebba at Gospel meetings in 2010, based on Romans 3:11 ("There is no one who understands, there is no one who seeks God"), stirred my soul. I was enriched and rejoiced in Jesus Christ as a result. I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit and accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour.*

*It was ultimately the plan of Our Almighty God, who led me to IREF for my salvation, for the saving of my family, and also for my entire village! Dr. Rebba always tells us that we should not be negligent towards our Almighty Saviour. I was baptized on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2012 - praise God!*

*By the Grace and Mercy of my Lord Jesus Christ I completed my intermediate (Junior College) studies successfully and came back to IREF to*



*attend the Degree College to commence a Bachelor of Commerce (Computers) degree.*

*My elder sister is showing interest in knowing more about Jesus Christ - a true answer to prayer. God has planted the seed! Please pray for me and for my entire family to be strengthened spiritually in the Lord.*

*Please know that I pray for you daily and thank God for your support of myself and so many here at IREF. Without your prayers, I would have never seen the Light of Jesus Christ. I look forward to the day when I will get to thank you in person!*

## **Christmas shopping solved!**

Four years ago, we launched our *Present Aid* scheme to help raise funds for IREF's Income Generation Programme. About £1,200 has been raised so far through the scheme and with Christmas fast approaching, it may be a good way of solving some of your Christmas present headaches! We have produced a series of cards for such unusual gifts as *rat traps, bamboo basket-making equipment, sewing machines, rickshaws, handlooms, fishing nets and goats – as well as Bibles and school uniforms, and bicycles and musical instruments for evangelists.*

Here is how the scheme works.

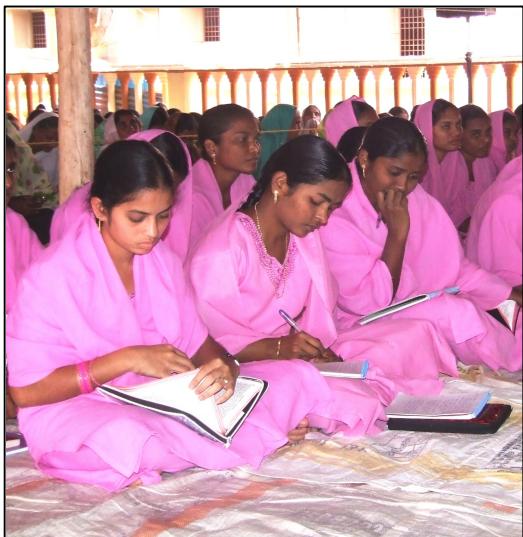
- **You choose a gift to suit your price range.** A full list of options is given on our Present Aid leaflet. This is available on request or it can be downloaded from our IREF(UK) website [[www.iref.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/9.-Unusual-present-Oct11.pdf](http://www.iref.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/9.-Unusual-present-Oct11.pdf)]

- **You send the cost of your gift to IREF(UK).** Your donation can be Gift Aided, so we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you spend.

- **We will send you a card** to pass on to the person for whom you have bought the gift. The card will tell them how the particular gift you have chosen for them will benefit someone in India. The card contains a brief description of IREF's work and tells people how they can find out more about it. There is space for you to add your own words of personal greeting.

An example of what one of the cards looks like is shown below. They are suitable for passing on to friends and family members at Christmas, and for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

## *An Unusual Present?*



*A Bible will be really appreciated in India!*

*Please let us know if you would like further information about the scheme and a full list of the gifts available.* Prices range from as little as £1.50, for the gift of a Telugu Bible, up to £140 for a handloom.

### **Help us find more sponsors**

We are always keen to find new sponsors to support the remarkable work that God is doing in India. Sponsorship can begin for as little as £1 per week.

Here is a reminder of our current rates.

- **£1 a week** provides enough funds for the co-sponsorship of a Child Development Centre pupil.
- **£2 a week** provides enough funds for full sponsorship of a Child Development Centre pupil.
- **£3 a week** is the starting rate for sponsoring one of IREF's many teachers or college lecturers.

□ **£4 a week** provides enough funds for the sponsorship of a pupil at one of IREF's residential homes.

□ **£8 a week** will provide support for one of IREF's 300 evangelists and his/her family.

IREF(UK) sponsors are currently supporting 50½(!) CDC pupils, 48 residential pupils, 14 evangelists, and 8 teachers. We are very keen to enlarge our support base, so please make the work of IREF as widely known as possible. All the sponsorship forms can be downloaded from the relevant page of our IREF(UK) website: [www.iref.co.uk/support/give/#.UJlpxIbFn05]

*Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ... You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. ...*

*Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!*

[2 Corinthians 9.7-8,11,15]

### **Topics for Praise and Prayer**

- Join us in thanking God that the health of both **Emmanuel and Dee Rebba** has improved considerably since our last newsletter.
- Pray for Emmanuel Rebba as he continues to translate the **Christianity Explored** material into Telugu. We are hoping to train IREF evangelists and other staff members to run the course early next year.
- There is still no sand available for building work. Pray that construction of the proposed **home for retired evangelists** will be able to go ahead in 2013.
- Please pray for the **USA teams** preparing to travel to India for the annual Youth Conference in January 2013 and the Main Conference and Medical Work in January/February 2013.

**David Hunt** [Chairman, IREF(UK)]

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