



IREF (UK) News Letter – June 2014

New Church Buildings

IREF is responsible for approximately 300 village churches throughout the region of Andhra Pradesh. Thanks to the donations of faithful IREF supporters, two new churches have recently been built in the rural villages of Nallur and Dalliparu.



The buildings were opened with great ceremony and dedicated to God for His purposes. These churches will provide places where people can learn about Jesus Christ as well have some of their practical needs met. They are a very real symbol of God’s love. These villages will never be the same again!



A New Nursing College building

Another exciting development is the opening of the new Nursing College building. IREF offers young people the opportunity to study to degree level in nursing, as well as in science, engineering, and education. This would never be possible for these young men and women under

normal circumstances. The nursing students are extremely excited about their new premises and look forward to progressing with their studies.



The previous Nursing College building will now revert to its former use as a training facility for pastors and evangelists.

A new Retirement Home for the elderly

A few years ago, one of our UK supporters left IREF a large sum of money in her will. We felt it would be good to use her gift to help build a Care Home for retired evangelists, something that our mission partners in India had been keen to do for some time. A shortage of sand (!) held up the construction work. But everyone at IREF is delighted that the new Care Home is now open. It will provide respite and care for those who, in their old age, have nowhere else to live.



It is hoped that many IREF pastors and Bible Ladies will find a pleasant refuge here when they retire. Praise God for the provision of this wonderful, much-needed facility and for the generosity of the lady who funded it!

Child Sponsorship

As many of you will have heard, a long-term partner of IREF in India decided recently to redirect its resources for work in Africa. We are very grateful to God for the substantial resources that the Dutch-based organisation, *Word and Deed*, have provided for IREF over many years. But their phased withdrawal of support will leave a huge gap in IREF's resources over the next two to three years. An additional £120,000 per annum will be needed to maintain IREF's current level of operation in India.

Approximately 240 new child sponsors need to be recruited to generate this additional income. A generous supporter in the USA has pledged to provide matched funding for every new sponsor who enrolls this year and next.

Please make this need known and seek to encourage others to experience the joy of supporting a needy child in India! Pray that God will provide sufficient sponsors so that IREF can continue to feed, clothe, shelter, and educate those who are most vulnerable in Indian society.

Meena's Story

Meena Madhuri arrived at IREF's orphanage as an 8-year old. Through the child sponsorship programme, she has been supported through her entire education and has recently been able to take college level exams, majoring in Chemistry. Her qualifications will allow her to seek employment that will support her and her family.



Providing children like Meena with a Christian education gives them the tools to expand the kingdom of God in the largely non-Christian

communities where they will live and work once they leave IREF.

IREF(UK) news round up

Here are some items of news from our recent IREF(UK) Trustees meeting.

- Our Honorary Treasurer was able to share the exciting news that our remittances to India, since IREF(UK) was formed in 1996, have now broken through the **half million pound** mark! We praise God - and thank *you* - for the generosity of all our supporters.
- Translation of the **Christianity Explored** course into Telegu has now been completed. Craig Dyer, CE's Training Director and one of our trustees, hopes to equip IREF personnel in using the material, later in the year.
- Please remember our trustee, **Elizabeth Callendar**, who suffered a serious fall recently on top of other on-going health problems.
- Recent **elections in India** saw the BJP Hindu nationalist party sweep to power. Please prayer that the freedom to preach the Gospel, the freedom to become a Christian, and the freedom to support Christian missions from overseas will be upheld in every part of India.

Items for Prayer: Please pray for ...

- **Emmanuel and Dee Rebba and all the staff employed by IREF:** that they will be granted wisdom, spiritual and physical strength, and great integrity as they lead God's work to the glory of Jesus Christ.
- **The two new village churches:** that God would bless the people of those villages and bring many of them to Himself.
- **The Pastors and Bible Ladies** who lead these congregations: that they will connect with the people and bring the light of God's Word into the spiritual darkness.
- **The nursing students** at IREF: that they will perform well in their exams and find good jobs.
- The people who will train as pastors in **the new Pastors' College:** that they will be equipped to lead IREF's congregations in the future.
- The residents who will live in **the new Care Home** and for those who will look after them.
- **The new governments** of India and Andhra Pradesh – see 1 Tim 2.1-6.

Once again, thank you for your generous on-going support for IREF.

David Hunt [Chairman, IREF(UK)]