

New Beginnings

In June, IREF welcomed parents and children to the Repalle campus to register for the new school year.



Youngsters and adults alike waited patiently in the extreme Indian heat to seek access to the high quality of education that IREF is able to provide for children from the poorest of backgrounds. This year in particular, parents were eager to enrol their children of primary school age for the new English Medium courses being offered at the John's School for pupils in Grades 1-5.

Those visiting the IREF campus will notice some changes that have been made to the John's Elementary School building. Exciting new alphabet graphics have been painted onto the walls of classrooms and corridors. The learning environment has been updated to include visual learning materials to aid the implementation of the English Medium format.



IREF's teaching staff and leaders are always looking for ways to ensure that the children and young people in their care are equipped with the necessary language skills to obtain good

employment prospects and become community leaders in the future.

The newly elected Andhra Pradesh state government has signalled that it would like English to become the main language for education in the future, and so IREF(India) is seeking to be one step ahead of this programme. So far, 100 pupils have enrolled to be taught in English, in addition to the 600 pupils being taught in Telegu.

Thanks to generous financial support from our UK supporters, we have been able to offer to cover the running costs for the English Medium School for the next three years to pay for the higher salaries that are necessary to attract, train, and then retain good teachers who use English as their primary teaching language.

£6,000 per annum for the next three years will cover the cost of employing ten teachers, a principal, and two administrative staff for the school. A little goes a very long way in India!

Christianity Explored in Telegu

At our most recent IREF(UK) Trustees meeting last month, we were delighted to hear that the translation work for a Telegu version of the popular *Christianity Explored* course has now been completed and is with the Delhi Bible Institute for checking. Rev Craig Dyer, one of our trustees who serves as CE's Director of Training, is planning to visit IREF(India) in November to pilot the project amongst some of IREF's many evangelists, Bible Ladies, and some staff members of IREF's various educational establishments.

Please pray that this course, in the mother tongue of Andhra Pradesh, will become a powerful tool for the spread of the Gospel.

A New Trustee

We are delighted to announce that Stewart Shaw has agreed to join our team of UK trustees. Stewart is a veteran of many visits to India, having brought his considerable skills as an optician to serve those in need of spectacles.

A lifetime of Faithful Service

It is with a deep sense of sadness, yet gratitude to God, that we report the home-call of one of IREF's longest serving Bible Ladies, Suseela Kathi. The summer months were particularly hot in India this year and unfortunately the high temperatures caused Suseela to suffer from heat stroke.



Her story is a remarkable testimony to God's saving power. Prior to her conversion, Suseela had been diagnosed with cancer. But a local pastor felt moved to pray for her with deep compassion. She was wonderfully healed and from that day on, dedicated her life to following and serving Jesus. She was baptised in 1975 and joined IREF's ministry in 1978. It was her mission in life to encourage other people to place their trust in Jesus for his gift of eternal life.

Suseela was sponsored from the UK by Ian Leitch, one of our former IREF(UK) trustees. He visited India each November for many years to conduct his New Life Seminars. This gave him an opportunity to visit Suseela in her home. *"It was a privilege to visit Suseela's village while on visits to IREF, when she was sick. I loved holding her in my arms and praying for her."*

We thank God for her 36 years of service to her Lord through the ministry of IREF.

Ideas for Christmas

Are you tired of giving the same old presents year after year, never knowing how much they are really appreciated?

Here's where IREF can help you – and you can help IREF!

In exchange for your donation, we will send you a card to pass on to your family members or friends at Christmas (the cards can also be used to celebrate birthdays and other special occasions). The card will tell them about the particular gift you have bought for them, and how it is benefiting someone in India. The card

will contain a brief description of IREF's work and let them know how they can find out more about it. There will also be space for you to add your own words of personal greeting.

All you have to do is choose a gift to suit your price range. For instance,

- £1.50 will buy a Telegu Bible for a new believer;
- £9 will buy a school uniform for a child in IREF's care;
- £45 will buy a sewing machine to help a family earn a living and become self-supporting;
- £60 will provide a bicycle for an evangelist to enable him/her to travel more easily from village to village to spread the good news of Jesus.

A full list of options is available on our Order Form, which can be downloaded from our website or forwarded to you by post or e-mail.

The cost of your present can be Gift Aided, and we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you spend.

Your friend or family member will be delighted to feel that they are helping someone much less fortunate than themselves, instead of receiving yet another pair of unwanted socks!

Points 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.
- **Craig Dyer's November visit to India** to pilot the Telegu version of *Christianity Explored*.
- **The Pastors and Bible Ladies** who lead about 900 congregations: that they will connect with the people and bring the light of God's Word into the spiritual darkness.
- **All the pupils in the new English Medium School**, as well as the 2,000+ other children and young people in IREF's care;
- **The 2015 Youth and Bible Conferences:** that the team from the USA will be well received and that there will be no problems with their visas.

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

David Hunt [Chairman, IREF(UK)]