

A Successful Academic Year

IREF staff and students from each of its centres of learning recently gathered to celebrate with a night of thanksgiving, praising God for what He has accomplished during the past school year. A representative from each learning centre gave a report of academic and sporting achievements during the 2017-18 year. The winners of sports competitions and those who had shown academic excellence were given trophies and certificates based on their achievements.



Some of the younger students gave a presentation of how India is composed of many different people groups. Other students performed dances and sketches highlighting different aspects of Indian culture and how God is working in his world. It was a wonderful way for the students to demonstrate their artistic gifts through dance and acting.



These are the kinds of evenings the students look forward to so much - to have fun with their classmates and staff. The night was filled with smiles and laughter. We thank God for His watchful eye throughout this entire academic school year and are grateful for His guidance and answering many prayers for IREF. The staff and students are very grateful for those who support them from the UK!



A refurbished playground

After 20 years of wear and tear, the IREF campus playground, originally built by *Kids Around the World*, was in need of urgent refurbishment. Thanks to a generous grant from a partner organisation in the USA, IREF's children can once again enjoy a safe and exciting play area.



From darkness to light

Sunitha, a young married woman from Bangalore, had been spiritually oppressed for months. She struggled to understand why this was so. Eventually she discovered that her in-laws had performed witchcraft rituals on her in the hope that she would die, so that they could get a better dowry from a potential new wife for their son (her husband).

After attending IREF's summer Gospel Meetings in a local village, her parents (who live in Repalle) asked Emmanuel Rebba and IREF evangelists to pray for their daughter over the phone (Bangalore is almost 400 miles from Repalle). As they did so, on two different occasions, Sunitha began to feel relief. She recently visited her parents and Emmanuel Rebba was able to pray for her in person. IREF's students have also been praying for her earnestly. When she accepted Jesus Christ as her own personal Lord and Saviour, she experienced a huge burden being lifted from her shoulders.

Praise God for moving so quickly and rescuing her from the darkness she was facing.



Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to move in this part of India, rescuing many others like Sunitha, thereby making significant advances for Christ's kingdom of light!

He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.
[Col 1.13]

IREF's long reach

IREF recently hosted a Pastors' Conference to bring local pastors and denominations together under the theme of **One Church, One Belief, One Christ, and One Cause** – namely, to reach the people of Andhra Pradesh with the message of God's love and mercy. IREF is pleased to see this calling taking root as it seeks to spread the vision for collaborative ministry in India.



A pastor named Raju, who comes from a community ten hours from Repalle, attended

the Pastors' Conference and was delighted to discover that Emmanuel Rebba was the conference speaker. Raju had been praying to meet Emmanuel and thank him for his ministry, since 2012. Raju is a high-caste Hindu convert who became a Christian as a result of watching IREF TV! He left everything behind and has been ministering to a church of 500 since his conversion.

In August 2010, the Lord opened a door for IREF to begin broadcasting the Gospel globally via satellite and the internet. The IREF TV broadcast is available to 80 million people in India and has recently been aired in 175 countries worldwide. The audiences are able to watch, write, call or share their personal prayer requests and praises with IREF. Hundreds of calls (prayer requests and encouragements to the ministry) continue to flood into IREF from people watching the IREF program called "Jeevaharam" – meaning "Bread of Life" – which airs Emmanuel Rebba's preaching every Sunday morning on the "Subhavaartha" ("Good News") channel. The ripples IREF is making in India are travelling far, with Jesus at the centre of it all!

New trustee

We are delighted to welcome **Yvonne Baulk** as a new trustee for IREF(UK). Yvonne is a veteran of several team visits to India and has been a tremendous help to us already in guiding us through the implications of the complex Data Protection legislation which has recently come into force.

News update

Dan Wagner has recently left his post with IREF(USA). **John Rebba** and **Tre Moore** have taken on responsibilities for donor co-ordination and fund-raising in the USA respectively. Please pray that the Lord would bless their work for him.

Once again, thank you for your continuing support for IREF, for which we and our partners in India are so grateful!

David Hunt [Chairman, IREF(UK)]