

## **A steady harvest**

God is clearly working through the ministry of IREF. Many young people are responding to the Gospel message. Each week on average, around 20 young people are baptised, even though taking such a public state may result in persecution and ostracism from their family members and friends.



## **Equipping pastors**

IREF conducted a one-day retreat in the town of Nuzividu recently, a six-hour drive from Repalle. The town is situated in a very fertile area which is cultivated by hard-working land labourers; it is best known for its mango crops. However, idolatry is widespread, many of the churches are inactive evangelistically, and members of their congregations feel neglected by their pastors.

But some of the church leaders in the area tune in regularly to watch IREF's TV programme, *Subhavartha*; they watch the programme together to receive training in God's Word.

So, they contacted Emmanuel Rebba to invite him to preach and pray for them and for their towns and villages.



A total of 400 pastors and leaders (including some political leaders) gathered to hear Emmanuel Rebba share God's Word with them. His theme was *Spiritual Awakening* as he

expounded lessons from the Old Testament book of Nehemiah.

He addressed many of the present-day issues that local preachers face and how the church should respond to them. Many pastors were filled with sorrow and expressed regret that they have neglected the call of God for the things of this world.

Emmanuel's ministry brought a spirit of revival to the area. Many came forward to testify to ways in which they had been blessed by the retreat.

*"In bad situations, Nehemiah worked for the Lord and for the welfare of his people. He rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem. So, like him, I decided that from today onwards, I will rebuild the walls of my church to better my local community"*

[testimony shared by Pastor T Prabhakar Rao]

The conference included a time of prayer in which those present brought each other before the Lord.



⇒ ***Pray for those who attended the retreat, that they will continue to know God's encouragement and strength as they seek to bring the light of his Gospel of hope to such a spiritually dark area!***

## **Bible Training Course**

In 2010, IREF started an intensive Bible training course as an elective subject for IREF students. Its goal is to equip IREF students to spread the Gospel effectively within their own communities.

This year, the course commenced on 3<sup>rd</sup> August with over 280 students enrolled in the programme.

⇒ *Pray that these young people will grow in their knowledge of God's Word to equip them to share the Gospel in their towns and villages across India.*

## **IREF's Science Expo**

Last month, a staggering 10,000 visitors from Repalle and beyond attended IREF's two-day Science Expo, which took place from 10-11<sup>th</sup> September. IREF students presented their project findings in the form of reports, display boards, and models they had created.



The event had encouraged students from IREF's Elementary School, High School, Junior College and Degree College to engage in a wide range of scientific and technological activities. The Science Expo itself demonstrated the many different research projects undertaken by the students. Over 100 projects were displayed with plenty of hands-on activities and science

challenges, as well as an opportunity for visitors to tour IREF's laboratory facilities.



⇒ *Take time to thank God for the good education IREF students receive.*

### **Footnote: Profile Updates**

It is now possible to obtain updated profiles on the personnel being sponsored from the UK by visiting a page on the IREF(USA) website: [irefusa.org/sponsor-a-child](http://irefusa.org/sponsor-a-child). So far, details of the Repalle-based children, the evangelists and Bible Ladies have been uploaded. It is hoped that details of the teachers and Ullipalem CDC children will follow shortly.

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

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