

*Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst.  
Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a  
spring of water welling up to eternal life.*

*John 4:14*



## ***The Hope of Jesus Christ***

Almost 50 years ago, God chose to bring Living Water to a very dry part of India. He gave a man named Prasada Rao Rebba a vision. God has since poured out His grace, and blessed the ministry Prasada began to bring many people to Himself.

Today, India Rural Evangelical Fellowship is a working model of the early church. With a wholistic approach to serving the needs of the people of Repalle and surrounding villages, IREF is a community of believers seeking to follow Christ, and lead others to Him.

Repalle is a rural farming community on the East Coast of India. The growing season is short (about 5 months), and the thousands of farm workers and fisherman in the area are caught in the cycle of poverty. But far worse, they are caught in the forces of fear and darkness. Most worship thousands of demon gods in the Hindu tradition.

IREF continues to represent Jesus Christ in this harsh environment. The many different ministries described here have grown from the desire to be faithful to the Lord's command to feed the poor and take care of the orphans and widows. However the central mission of IREF remains to present Jesus, the Living Water to dry souls thirsty for a well that will never go dry.



***Prasada Rao Rebba,**  
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***Bringing water to the thirsty...***  
*India Rural Evangelical Fellowship (IREF) is bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the city of Repalle and surrounding villages in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India.*



***Evangelism /  
Church Planting***



***Orphan Care***



***Christian Schools /  
Colleges***



***Occupational Training***



### ***An Investment In The Future***

The harsh conditions and poverty in the Repalle area produces many orphans. IREF has responded to this need and today cares for over 1,000 children in three locations. IREF provides shelter, food, clothing and education. Even more important, Jesus Christ is central to the children's upbringing. These kids will be the future leaders and teachers, spreading the Good News throughout India.

Orphans can be sponsored for less than \$1 per day. The donor is given a picture and background information about the orphan, and is kept up to date on their progress.



### ***An Education for Life***

As the population of the orphanage has grown rapidly, IREF has quickly built schools to accommodate the educational needs of the children. Today, the IREF schools include elementary through high school grades, as well as a junior college, degree college, and a nursing institute. The schools are located at a campus-like setting in Repalle, as well as in three outlying villages.

The schools strive to provide a biblically based education, with real-world skills that will provide a career. The college courses include chemistry, biology, electronics, mathematics and language skills. English is taught as a second language.

The children and young adults are eager to learn, and count it a privilege to be able to get an education. For most, this education has the power to break the cycle of poverty and will plant solid families, rooted in Christ's love.



## ***Messengers of the Gospel***



The central and most vital ministry of IREF is spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Over 200 Evangelists and Bible Ladies travel by bicycle, or more often on foot to remote villages around Repalle, boldly presenting the Gospel message. Telugu Bibles are distributed and villagers are invited to open-air evangelistic meetings, and ultimately, planted churches.



The fruit of the Evangelists' work is seen in the churches they have planted in villages throughout the state of Andhra Pradesh. Some meet on the desert plains, some in open-air sheds, while others meet in cyclone-proof buildings, built with the help of special IREF friends from around the world. These thriving village churches are the heart of IREF's success in the conversion and discipleship of new believers. Evangelists and Bible Ladies and their families can be sponsored for less than \$2 per day.

## ***Breaking the Cycle of Poverty***



In an agricultural area like Repalle, where the growing season is only 4-5 months, the struggle for people to have a stable year-round income is an enormous challenge. IREF has started occupational training with no-interest loans for equipment to villagers.

Projects include sewing machines, rickshas, goat herds and even rat traps (the Indian government pays 2 rupees for dead rats!). These income generation projects are very low cost, yet they can break the cycle of poverty that so pervades this area. As the no-interest loans are repaid, the funds are recycled to provide opportunities to others.



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