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Opportunity Knocks 2013 commenced throughout the world with festive celebrations, but January also marked another international celebration, the release of Malala Yousafzai from a British hospital where she had undergone surgery for a death-threatening bullet wound to the neck. Malala's rise to international prominence came when the 15 year old Pakistani was shot by a Taliban gunman on her school bus. She had become an international blogger advocating the education of females throughout Pakistan. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the egregious attack, charging her with the promotion of secularism. The international outrage over this shocking event promoted Malala to a worldwide youth icon. She still faces reconstructive surgery but walked out of the hospital on her own to engage in rehabilitation with her family. Her father has boldly stated, "she will rise again!"

I mention this story because of its proximity (a bordering country), its prominence internationally and its promise for the future. With 2013 already at hand IREF has the unique God-given opportunity to freely educate thousands of students, many of whom are female. These



young women do not fear repercussions from religious zealots, they only need the opportunity. We are free to not only provide educational opportunity to students from rural poor areas, but also to impart a Christian worldview. Our mission is to provide students with both an educational

2013 Prayer Calendar We'd like to ask that you join us in prayer for the events kicking off the New Year in Repalle...

January is already underway with students from Trinity International University - Deerfield, IL in Repalle teaching the IREF students, visiting churches and villages, and spending time serving the people of South India. While the Trinity team heads back to the US, another team heads to Repalle for the annual **IREF Youth Conference** to be held **January 11-15**. Pray for Rev. Dave McMahon, Gary Gilmore and Neal Patel as the Lord uses them to spread the Gospel in rural India. Please pray for the thousands of young people that will enter IREF's campus to hear the Gospel, many for the first time. Please pray that their hearts and minds are open to the Word of the Lord.

On February 2, another team will be heading to India for the 2013 Gospel Meetings. The team will be involved in the Gospel Meetings to be held **February 6-10**. The pastors on the team will focus on Bible teaching during

hope and hope in God! This is a remarkable time to invest in the lives of children for the future of India.

This New Year will also bring new life to hundreds scattered throughout rural Andhra Pradesh who will hear the Word of God communicated in a variety of ways by our evangelists, pastors, and IREF President, Emmanuel Rebba. We at IREF, esteem the power of the Gospel through the proclamation of God's Word to have life-changing effects and are believing 2013 to be a time of great spiritual harvest. We are already extending our outreach to new areas with good news for a new year!



Craig Darling and Emmanuel Rebba leading evening devotions to the IREF children.

Thank you for your investment in making these things happen for this next year. We do not take lightly our tremendous need for partners like you. May this year, 2013 be filled with story upon story of changed lives for the glory of Jesus' name and the joy of His people. Hoping in God ...

Craig Darling
U.S. Director

the day to IREF Evangelists/Pastors and Bible ladies, as well as staff and students. Meanwhile, the medical team will open a clinic for checkups on all the IREF children to ensure all the kids are healthy. Towards the end of the week, the clinic will be open to the general public. Many with no means of seeing a doctor will have the chance at free medical care and will be ministered to in a special way. Please pray for the thousands that come to Repalle by the tractor loads from villages as far as 6-12 hours away to hear the Good News. Pray for the US pastors who will be evangelizing to the lost. Please also pray for safety in travel, good health and the Holy Spirit to use each team member as they work to bring light into the darkness of rural India.

Many people and hours are involved in making these two months successful. Please pray for the IREF staff and student as they dedicate their time and efforts to not only to host the US teams but also the thousands of people that will be attending the Gospel Meetings. Your prayers are so valuable during this time!