



IREF'S Time of Need: 2014-2015 Fiscal Year

2 Corinthians 12:9 states: "But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." (NIV)

IREF wants to trust God with our weakness in 2014 and we are praying for God's grace to provide for it completely. As announced in the "Financial Accountability Section" in the December Newsletter, IREF Director - Emmanuel Rebba noted that a long time IREF sponsor of hundreds of children has decided to phase out support for its India partners including IREF. Due to continued conflicts with the Indian government this loyal supporter has made the decision to discontinue funding and must start the phase out process.



However, the implications of this decision were diligently prayed for by leaders of IREF and leaders of the supporting institution, which has led to a uniform decision. The phase out process has led to reductions in child sponsorship over the last two years, which IREF has been blessed to replace through the success of the IREF Annual Golf Outing Event and increased giving from loyal donors.

In the 2014-2015 fiscal year, IREF's resources to provide food, clothing, shelter and an education for 200 children included in this phase out process will be eliminated and we need your help.

We ask all past and present donors of IREF to pray diligently for God to provide the funding to food, clothe, shelter and educate the 200 children included in the phase out process for 2014-2015. These children may not have the same opportunity for salvation, which changes lives for eternity. We also ask that you will work alongside the IREF Board to become disciples for this ministry and spread the blessing to family, friends, and co-workers about the IREF child sponsorship program. Please prayerfully consider how you can help impact a life - an eternal life of blessing with Christ, which many would not have without Christ and IREF.

For more information on how you, your business or your church can help - please email IREF at info@irefusa.org or call us at 847.220.IREF. We also update information on the IREF website regularly at www.IREFUSA.org. The IREF board chose to express this message to all past and present IREF donors and churches in order to be obedient to God during this time of weakness.

Thank you for your loyal support over the years and the prayers as you consider how you can impact IREF in this New Year.



US Director, Craig Darling (center) with IREF children in need of sponsorship.

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IREF's Christmas Celebration Confirms Faith for Many

Could you ever imagine what Christmas would look like if there were no Christmas tree in your living room or where no decorations were hung from houses, trees or street lights? What type of impact would Christmas have if the Birth of Jesus Christ was not displayed on TV or even spoken about at your place of worship? When you consider a scenario like this, one can only help but lose their excitement surrounding Christmas and take on a despairing feeling that makes you ponder some countries must think "what's so special about Christmas".

In 2013, IREF spread the good news of Jesus Christ's Birth to over 20,000 residents of Repalle and surrounding villages during their Christmas Celebration in the Town Square in downtown Repalle. The Town Square was decorated with Christmas lights as local pastors and congregation drove their motorcycles to the event with red & green balloons attached to show their holiday spirit. The children of IREF got the opportunity to put their new found belief in Jesus Christ to action as they put on a Christmas play and sang songs for spectators. The message of Christ's birth was given by Emmanuel Rebba, who focused on speaking to the significance of Jesus being born in a stable and lying in a manger so that the average person would have no trouble coming to see the sight of the new born king. This was God's plan and the reason there was no room in the Inn for Mary and Joseph.

After the event, Emmanuel had several hindu and muslim friends contact him and say "you had a lot of courage to put on an event like that in the Repalle Town Square, but you displayed a great demonstration of Christianity and it was great to hear what Christmas is all about.

To end the celebration, the IREF children, Evangelists and Bible Ladies received gifts (a new pair of clothes) provided for by loyal sponsors. We thank everyone that contributed to a Christmas gift this year, which through this event which works to confirm a child's belief in Jesus Christ. These children will be talking about this event and gifts until next Christmas.

John Rebba and Emmanuel Rebba distribute Christmas gifts at IREF's 2014 celebration.



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Prayer Requests and Praise

- Praise God for the many IREF volunteers and sponsors that faithfully followed God's calling to ensure the ministry of IREF accomplished immeasurably more than past years.
- Please pray for strength, direction and safety of IREF board members, staff and teams as they prepare to touch lives through the Youth Conference (January 10-14) and Gospel Crusades (February 5-9) .
- Please pray for the continued support of IREF children in light of a faithful sponsor leaving. Ask that IREF leaders will seek God through upcoming decisions regarding the ministry's ability to serve the children.
- Please pray for the family of Roberta Berggren, who went home to be with the Lord in December. Roberta faithfully volunteered her time to assemble and distribute IREF Newsletter mailings for many years. She will be dearly missed by many including the IREF family.