



God Is and Always Will Be Sovereign

God has blessed IREF for many years with the opportunity to serve the rural villages of Southeast India. Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ has been at the heart of the IREF ministry in order to grow the minority Christian population where less than 5% serve Christ. Since the start of the ministry over 60 years ago, God has proven that He will provide ways to heal the social injustices that exist and plague fishing and farming communities. The seasonal low wages are not enough to provide for an entire family and normally the children are often taken to work with the parents.



God's perfect plan has provided many children at IREF an education and the ability to earn a respectable wage, which helps them provide for their families. 50 years ago I wouldn't have fully understood how much impact God planned on having through the IREF mission and that's why I understand this ministry to be from God and not from man.



Over the last two years, God has demonstrated how His mighty hand can provide any level of support needed under any constraint of time. In 2014 through funding constraints, God still saw thousands of children and locals being educated, baptized and accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Disaster relief was still provided to villages experiencing the tragic impacts of Cyclone Hudhud even without disaster relief funding available.

Nothing stopped God's mighty hand from delivering His mission where He directed. God's sovereignty will continue to be the hope and prayer of IREF. Please pray that in 2015 leaders of IREF obediently follow God's plan for the IREF mission and may we direct this mission by faith and not by sight.

Emmanuel Rebba, IREF India



Christmas Sponsors Serve Up Hope for Many Children and Evangelists

God has blessed IREF children and evangelists in so many ways. And this year like many others at IREF, sponsors stepped up to supply Christmas gifts for hundreds of IREF children and evangelists in hopes of showing them the love that God has for them. Pictures show a thousand words and IREF hopes that you can see the joy that each child experienced this year when receiving their bright new pair of clothes.



On Christmas day, each child got the opportunity to wear their new outfit to the worship service at the Repalle church and the excitement and energy displayed by each child was noticeably higher and more contagious than any average day. IREF thanks everyone who helped provide a gift/gifts for IREF children and evangelists. Our only wish is that those sponsors could have hand delivered the gifts to the children personally and see the pure excitement and amazement that comes over them as they realize someone cares for them.

Trinity Students Bring Humble Blessings

For two weeks ending in December 2014 and into January 2015, Trinity International University students traveled to IREF to encourage IREF children from poor backgrounds by showing them how God has worked through their own lives. One can hear a pin drop as hundreds of IREF children listen to the testimonies of the Trinity students. God especially uses the youthful relationship between Trinity students and IREF children to encourage learning during the Vacation Bible School that is facilitated during the two week adventure.

"Each year Trinity students are impactful to our students with their music, messages of hope and energy. IREF children learn how to follow God more obediently after they hear these faithful stories from Trinity members," note IREF teachers. Please pray that God continues to use this relationship to bless IREF children but also that Trinity students will be blessed for their faithful obedience to follow God to the ends of the earth to serve at IREF.



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