



2011 Youth Conference: The Greatest Exchange

The New Year kicked off in Repalle with IREF's 16th annual Youth Conference. IREF has embraced the mission to educate young people in Christ for many years. One of the mission's avenues to do so is to invite thousands of young people from surrounding areas to Gospel Fields to hear the Word first hand. The conference was held January 12-16th.

Over 5,000 students were in attendance of this year's Youth Conference each day. Many students spoke up each day and shared their testimonies with the crowd. Despite all of the daily distractions and pressures that young people face, we were encouraged to see the Holy Spirit move among the future generation of the Church.



Each day the conference started with praise and worship led by the IREF choir and also the IREF evangelists and pastors. A time of sharing how God has touched the lives of the young people in attendance was open to all of the students each day of the conference. Many came forward and shared their testimonies - the hardships they've



endured at young ages due to death of parents, poverty or desperation. The end outcome of each testimony was the Hope and Joy found in our Lord and Savior as a result of IREF's influence among young people in South India.

Emmanuel Rebba, Dee Rebba, Bob Nelson, Pastor Lawrence, Jeremy Thompson and William Raju delivered the messages during the 5 days.

At the conclusion of the conference, the young people walked through the streets of Repalle street preaching to the locals throughout town. There were 62 young people baptized following the Youth Conference.



We praise God that so many young people are choosing to follow Christ.

Please pray with us for each of these new believers in Christ that their faith will stay strong and that they continue to grow in Him. We thank you for your support and ask that you continue to keep IREF in your prayers as we diligently work to further His kingdom.

Thoughts from Trinity Team '11

IREF kindly thanks the Trinity International University students who make the trip to India every December/ January to minister to our students. Here are a few thoughts the Trinity students shared with us from their most recent trip to Repalle:



"IREF's years of faithfulness is evident. With over 800 churches planted in the surrounding rural area, upon graduating IREF has the infrastructure to plug in new believers to fulfill the whole great commission. IREF is not just concerned about evangelism but highly values discipleship. Refreshingly so, IREF lives out the frequently neglected part of the great commission 'teaching them to OBEY EVERYTHING I have commanded you.' (Matt 28:20)."

"We have alot of amazing and beautiful places and things in America, but I've never seen anything as beautiful as IREF in America. It's the Spirit of God that brings out the true beauty of a place and in a thing, and His Spirit is definitely seen and felt at IREF."



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