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## Medical Missions Team Served Many Who Will be Grateful for a Lifetime

The 2016 medical team from the US and UK this year brought medical response care to many children, elderly and widowed individuals. Every year the medical missions team consists of committed professionals from the US; and every two years from the UK. This partnership has been successfully providing medical care to Southeast India for close to 30 years. These teams bring medication, medical tools and much talent in order to perform the highest quality of medical care that is normally unavailable in rural India. It is no easy task transporting all this equipment and baggage 8,000 miles to IREF via airplane, train and automobile. However, their goal is to follow God's calling to care for the poor and needy which is a calling that is not comprised at any point during the trip.

Medical care is mainly provided for individuals that reside in the rural villages of southern India and have little to no access to quality healthcare. To have an open invitation to medical personnel from the US and UK is a dream come true for many and a true testament to how God cares, in particular for the people of Southeast India. Without IREF volunteers providing medical care every year in Repalle and surrounding villages; children and elderly would not get the proper medical attention and would most likely suffer from ailing illnesses. With the help of the U.S. and UK anyone can see that the IREF children look and feel healthy which allows them to work harder in school and towards achieving a better life for themselves through education.

IREF wants to thank every member of this years 2016 medical missions team and the hard work that they provided to see so many children, elderly and staff. They are truly a blessing from God and thank them for their faithfulness to support God's ministry.



## Evangelism Still Serves as the Heart of the Mission Team

This year two pastors, Tim Marshall and R.A. Atanus, traveled from the U.S. to work alongside Emmanuel Rebba to minister to the youth of India and rural villages where IREF churches have been planted. The 2016 Annual Youth Conference gave each pastor and even members of the medical missions team the opportunity to evangelize to the students and villagers who were in attendance.

Testimonies and messages were delivered each day and night for the conference, which provided hope for many seeking Jesus during the event. Each year the Youth Conference sees many students commit their lives to Christ and become baptized.

in scale and takes much work to facilitate, is a great succession to the Christmas holiday and offered a perfect time of refuge for the children to practice their new found faith. Praise be to the Lord for the messages He supplied each evangelist with this year and to all the team members who gave their testimony to inspire each student to truly believe that God has love for them as well. Please keep these new believers in your prayers as they continue to practice their new found faith in Christ and share it with family and friends.



This year there were 60 students and locals baptized this year in the Krishna River once the conference had subsided. This event, which is large







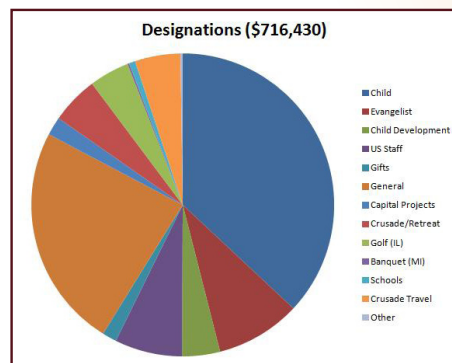
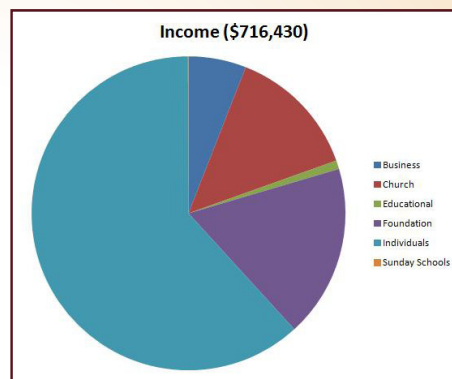
## 2015 Giving Results

The income chart displays the source of the funds received. As can be seen the primary source of funds continues to be:

- Individual donors
- Churches
- Foundations

The Designations chart displays the donor designations - the largest percentages are:

- Child support includes meals, schooling, and medical for the almost 2,000 children in the care of IREF
- Evangelist support includes support of pastors and ministry workers (and their families) in the more than 600 rural churches
- Child Development refers to the nine Child Development Centers operated by IREF
- General gifts are used for the US expenses and directed by the IREF Board to needed ministry areas



## 2016 Giving Levels

After reviewing the 2015 income and expenses, the IREF Board has decided to maintain the suggested monthly support amounts at the same level:

- Child - \$35 per month or \$420 per year
- Evangelist - \$75 per month or \$900 per year

We would like to thank all of the 2015 IREF donors for helping us reach the people of South India with the Gospel message. God has great things in store for His people and we trust that He will continue to provide. Continue to pray with us as we ask the Lord to bring new partners to fill the financial gaps. Your partnership is vital to the ministry of IREF, thank you!



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## Prayer Requests and Praise

- Please pray for IREF as the remaining number children supported by our European Partner will be dropped as of April. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, or know someone who is interested, please contact us at [sponsors@irefusa.org](mailto:sponsors@irefusa.org).
- Please pray for the strength and prosperity of our supporting churches, businesses and sponsors.
- Please pray for Emmanuel Rebba to have the strength and good health to continue the IREF village revival meetings for the next two months.
- Please pray for IREF staff and students as they prepare to close the 2015-16 academic year in March and April. Many of these young people return to idol-worshipping families for the summer holiday and need your prayers as they stand firm for Christ.
- Praise God for the hundreds of individuals who accepted Christ as their Savior at the 2016 Gospel Meetings in Repalle.
- Praise God for His graciousness to this ministry and His sovereignty to provide for every need.