



## Child Development Centers Serve as the Hands & Feet of IREF's Mission

In the state of Andhra Pradesh where IREF schools, churches and child development centers (CDC) are located; Christians make up less than 5% of the population. Over 90% of the more than 84 million inhabitants of the state are Hindu. Andhra Pradesh is known for its lower population density and serves as mainly an agricultural state. With a majority of the rural population in Andhra Pradesh living in small tribal villages, literacy rates become problematic ranking last in India at less than 67%.

IREF has worked for over 60 years to reach this population with the love of Christ and also the opportunity to read and write. Many children and parents come to know the Lord through this connection with an IREF CDC. It is at this point that CDC teachers and leaders help plant the seed in families to continue their education at the IREF campus in Repalle where Christ will be undoubtedly the focal point of their education.

For any family in Andhra Pradesh, education is a hope and a dream. Too often educational institutions are too far from these tribal villages for children to attend and parents are too poor to transport them. Many times parents will

take the child to work with them to earn higher wages. IREF currently operates nine Child Development Centers that focus their efforts on the surrounding tribal villages outside of Repalle where the IREF main campus is located. The continued support for each CDC is critical to the mission of IREF as the tribal villages are ultimately the communities that our mission aims to serve. Our prayer in 2015 is that God will continue to grow the impact that IREF has through each Child Development Center and that Christianity would spread through the hearts and minds of all who attend.



2015 Medical Missions team with teaching staff at the IREF Nizampatnam CDC.



IREF Nallurapalem CDC



Children from the Nizampatnam CDC waiting patiently for medical checkups.

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## IREF Gears up to Pray in 2015...Please Join Us!

The challenges that IREF has faced over the last three years can't be easily overlooked as God has graciously provided for all the required needs of the mission. We are in such awe of His faithfulness and timing and must give praise to Him amidst another challenging year already upon us in 2015. However, to think that God's brilliance has stopped at providing in 2014 might be intrusive as He has already started encouraging us through our own praise of His past accomplishments. How Great is Our God!

This year we would like to ask for your participation as prayer and praise will be the focus for IREF as leaders seek God's direction for the ministry. IREF leaders meet on the first Saturday of every month to pray for the needs of the ministry. Our hope is that you would join us from your own special place of prayer on the first Saturday of every month as we dedicate our time to truly asking how the Lord would direct this ministry. Only God's mercy and grace on this ministry will prove as a stronghold for not only 2015, but many years to come.





## Village Revival Meetings Help Grow a Stronger Christian Community

Shortly after the Gospel Meetings took place at the IREF campus in Repalle and thousands of people came to hear the message of Salvation delivered by Emmanuel and John Rebba, IREF quickly turned its evangelism focus and efforts back to strengthening communities. Tribal villages that surround Repalle are where the true mission of IREF was intended to serve. These small rural farming and fishing villages are crying out for any hope of prosperity for their families and what a better way to feed their soul than with the message of Christ's love. Emmanuel Rebba commented on this planned refocus for 2015: "the IREF campus is a comfortable place to serve God and there is a great Christian Community supporting each other in Repalle. But that community can and needs to be extended into our IREF villages where the real battle for souls is taking place. Tribal villages are predominantly Hindu and I know God wants us to take His message of Hope to them."

John, Emmanuel and Dee Rebba along with IREF pastors facilitated a 3-day revival meeting in each of the villages of Nagaram and Bobbaralanka. These revival meetings will continue for the next two months in multiple locations as Emmanuel Rebba has planned to focus efforts on villages that IREF churches & Child Development Centers have been planted.



*Emmanuel and John Rebba speak at the village meetings.*



*IREF Evangelist C. Ravi with his congregation at the Nagaram Rural Church.*



*A village woman commits her life to Christ at the Bobbaralanka Village Meetings.*



*A Hindu man silently observed baptisms at the Krishna River and felt the urge of the Lord to come forward for prayer and learn more about the Eternal Life.*

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### Prayer Requests and Praise

- Please pray for our U.S. Director & Chief Fundraiser, Craig Darling as he presents IREF CDC needs to small groups, businesses and institutions for support.
- Please pray for IREF as 325 children will be dropped from our European Partner in 2015. Many of these children attend IREF CDC and have hopes of attending IREF schools in Repalle.
- 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.
- **Save the Date!** The 3rd Annual IREF Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, August 15. Please be praying for how you can introduce IREF to new friends and family.
- Praise God for the more than 25 individuals who came to know Christ through the Nagaram Revivals.
- Praise God for the safe travel back to the USA for John & Dee Rebba this month. May God use them in His own special way while they are home.
- Praise God for His graciousness to this ministry and His sovereignty to provide for every need.

