

2017 Annual Ministry Report



Sharing a meal at the Youth Conference



Emmanuel and Tre baptize a young woman who made a commitment to Christ at the Youth Conference



*L-R:
Dan Wagner, Emmanuel Rebba, Chip Moore*

*When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith,
but I also want to be encouraged by yours.*

Romans 1:12

Paul spoke these words to the believers in Rome, and it mirrors how I feel each time I visit IREF. I always feel like I receive more encouragement than I give. In 2017, I visited India twice; the first time I was able to do two visits in the same year.

The first visit in January was for the Youth Conference. I've lost track how many times I've travelled to India, but I can say without hesitation this was my most encouraging trip. At the Conference, several alumni of IREF schools came back to give their testimony and words of encouragement.

We heard from pastors, policeman, a college professor, teachers! Each one was a testimony to the glorious work the Lord has accomplished through IREF. These were poor kids, destined to work in the fields like their parents. Through IREF, they were given opportunity through education. And even more important, at IREF, they made commitments to follow Jesus and it changed the trajectory of their lives. It was also interesting to hear how far away many of these alumni were living. Although IREF is in a small rural town, its impact is all over India! My son Tre and daughter Tessa joined me, and it was with joy that I watched them minister at the youth conference.

My second trip in August was to introduce our new U.S. Director, Dan Wagner to the ministry. It was also encouraging to see the ministry, as if for the first time, through Dan's eyes. He immediately connected with everyone there and was amazed at the incredible work IREF is accomplishing.

I was also able to meet with the key leadership team at IREF and hear their urgent needs. I asked them what was holding them back in their area of ministry, and was able to discover several critical needs. Praise the Lord- some of these needs have already been met: such as new computers for the college, and a new playground for the grade school (the old one had become so rusty, it was a real hazard).

Thank you for being our partners in this important work. Your prayers and financial support are what enable us to keep preaching, teaching, and providing hope in India. May the Lord continue to bless.

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