



Motivating, Empowering and Encouraging

IREF continues to hold one-day seminars for pastors in various districts and regions of Andhra Pradesh to motivate, empower and encourage pastors in their local ministry. The theme of the seminars is the "Fleeing Prophet Jonah." The study examines how our slow to anger God led the prophet so that he would know of His graciousness and mercy. Each of the participants was presented with a Telugu booklet "Reformation-Preparation" (Diddubatu-Siddhapatu) written by Emmanuel Rebba.

The seminar was first held in Chirala on March 15th. 600 pastors, mostly nominal Christians and village leaders thanked Emmanuel Rebba for the renewed passion and revival brought during the seminar.



God is opening more and more doors for IREF to spread the Gospel throughout Andhra Pradesh. On March 24th, IREF took the "Fleeing Prophet Jonah" seminar to Khammam. Over 800 pastors attended and came forward and shared their response to the seminar with tears. Many were encouraged and also went back to their villages heavy hearted and burdened to save souls for the kingdom of God.

As IREF carries on this burden to reach out to pastors, please pray as we strengthen these pastors' ministries and provide encouragement in fulfilling their task for the kingdom. Emmanuel emphasizes during these seminars that evangelists, Bible ladies and church elders must live in Christ and stand firm in spreading the word of God throughout their villages.

Will You Help IREF Change Lives?

Many more need to hear the gospel, and IREF continues to diligently equip workers for the field—the pastors, evangelists and Bible ladies. Children need to be fed and educated in Christian care; IREF continues to take in as many children as they can house. So many are caught in a cycle of poverty; IREF educates with a degree or a trade.

Lives are changing through IREF!

How You Can Help:

- Sponsor a child or evangelist -- \$34 covers the sponsorship of a child, and \$50 supports an evangelist and his family.
- Tell your friends why you support IREF! Please share with your friends or your church's mission committee.
- Pray - Include IREF in your prayers now more than ever! We are grateful for you!

However God is touching your heart, please respond today and help by sponsoring a child or an evangelist, or help with any offering given in faith.



Greetings! My name is Vara Lakshmi Konka. I am 14 years old and was an only child. My father was my mother's second husband. He was harrassed daily by my mother's children from her previous marriage. My dad could not take the abuse any longer and killed himself by drinking poison when I was 11. My mom and I went to live with her first husband. He took care of me for a short time then resentment grew and he became angry with my mother for bringing another man's child into his home. For three years, I watched

him beat and abuse her, and eventually he beat and strangled my mother to death.

My grandparents brought me to IREF last year in hopes of giving me a good life. I have learned about Jesus, my Savior. The other children in my 9th grade class are so kind. IREF has taught me discipline, how to study and more importantly that our joy and hope in the Lord is all I truly need. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue my studies here at IREF. Thank you for your support of me and my classmates!



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