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# **The Power of the Holy Spirit Moves Through IREF Villages**

Throughout March and April, Emmanuel Rebba has kept the focus for IREF evangelism on the rural villages that surround Repalle and where the IREF campus sits. Building stronger Christian communities that can understand the word of God and deliver the message to non-believers is what Emmanuel believes God is directing IREF leaders to help village pastors establish. He states "village pastors find strength and encouragement through these village revival meetings when they see the Holy Spirit working to bring new believers to Christ and grow church communities. Growing these village communities to believe and rely on the grace of God is what will help them overcome the many struggles they face".

These smaller tribal villages that surround IREF often times face struggles that pose threats to their families, their health and their ability to serve one true God. The caste system still operates in smaller villages, which can present fewer opportunities for lower caste and poorer individuals to find jobs and provide for their families. It is considered normal for lower caste families to move three times during a year in order to find work. The church community couldn't play a more important role in serving to comfort these families.

Christian communities provide strength and unity and work to break down the stronghold of the caste system with the power that binds in Jesus Christ. By joining communities through God's love, individuals can search and find peace in knowing where to go for support and love. Please continue to pray for the many IREF Village leaders and pastors that deliver the message of Salvation to these village members that truly long for the love of a strong Christian church community.



Emmanuel Rebba presents the Gospel in the village of Challapalli.



New believers are baptized during the summer village meetings



IREF congregations are a source of light in the dark villages.



Pastor Ravi, his two sons and father are 3 generations serving the Lord through IREF.

## **SAVE THE DATE!** 4TH ANNUAL IREF GOLF OUTING



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## God Continues to Open Doors for IREF in the U.S. Opportunities to present the



IREF US Director, Craig Darling speaks at Cornerstone Evangelical Church in Glenview, IL.

mission of IREF to churches and small groups has been the focus of IREF monthly prayer times for the last two years and was how the ministry was started in the U.S. 30 years ago. IREF leaders have been praying diligently that God would open doors to present ministry needs of rural India in hopes of gaining new prayer partners, financial partners and mission team members. Sharing the work that God is accomplishing through IREF is a ministry in itself and IREF leaders want to thank everyone who has helped integrate IREF as a part of their church's international ministry. The joy that comes with reaching an impoverished region of the world with the good news of Jesus Christ is a blessing that can and should be shared with those who are committed to help. Already this year, new 2016 mission team members have been delivered. New connections have been made to connect Child sponsors with IREF children, which is a true testament to how God continues His work at IREF. IREF leaders will continue to pray for new partners and we thank you for your continued prayers for this ministry.



Dee Rebba and Bill Hampe, IREF Financial Secretary, greet people interested in supporting the ministry of IREF.



John Rebba, IREF Child Sponsorship Coordinator, speaks to a Sunday morning class about IREF.

### **Prayer Requests and Praise**

- Please pray for our U.S. Director & Chief Fundraiser, Craig Darling as he is connecting with churches, small groups and Sunday School classes to recruit medical and ministry teams members for 2016.
- 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 be praying for the 4th annual golf outing as we celebrate 65 years of serving the people of Southeast India.

- Please pray for the strength and prosperity of our supporting churches, businesses and sponsors.
- Please pray for Emmanuel Rebba as he is home in the U.S. to spend time with family and meet with churches leaders and IREF USA board members.
- Pray John Rebba as he prepares to return to IREF in June to participate in the annual Pastor's conference and also prepare progress reports for IREF Child Sponsors.
- Praise God for opening doors to present the ministry of IREF to new institutions and the welcome that IREF leaders have received thus far.