



## IREF is Changing the Lives of So Many Young People

Sai Krishna and his brother Subrahmanyam came to IREF about two years ago. Their lives are continually changing by the love and kindness shown to them through Jesus Christ at IREF.

Their father was a watchman in a mango garden. The family lived in the garden and tended to it every day. One day Sai and Subrahmanyam's parents had a domestic quarrel. The boys were ages 5 and 3 at the time. Their mother committed suicide by pouring kerosene and setting herself on fire. The boys discovered her charred body but their father was nowhere to be found. He disappeared and never came back for his children.

"Now that I'm a little bit older I realize that my father killed my mother and set it up to look like a suicide," said Sai Krishna, now eleven years old. Their grandmother took care of the boys until she died a few years later. "We didn't have anyone to look after us, so we just roamed around on the streets. Our friends from our village went to school every day and we searched for food. Someone from our village noticed my brother and I sleeping on the roadside, so he brought us to IREF," Sai explains.

"We used to cry all the time after my parents left us. But after we came to Lydia Children's Home, we have learned so much about the love of Christ and we have friends, teachers and now we have the family we have been missing in our life," says Subrahmanyam.

Sai Krishna hopes to continue his studies through graduate school at IREF and become a mentor to younger students and teach them everything that's been taught to him through IREF. Subrahmanyam wants to become a police officer when he grows up. His aspiration is to bring justice to the poor of South India.



In January, Sai Krishna accepted Christ as his personal Savior at the 2011 Youth Conference in Repalle. The Holy Spirit touched his heart and he confessed his sins and gave his life to Christ. Sai was baptized on January 15. Please pray with us for these two young brothers as they continue their lives walking with Christ and follow their educational ambitions that God has blessed them with.

**For \$34 a month, you can help make a difference in the lives of young children at IREF such as Sai Krishna and Subrahmanyam. However God is touching your heart, please respond today and help by sponsoring a child for \$34/month or an evangelist for \$50/month, or help with any offering given in faith.**



*Subrahmanyam (9) and Sai Krishna (11) Vakada*



*Sharing their testimonies at the 2011 Youth Conference in front of over 5,000 students.*



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