

June 2014



## New Prime Minister for India...More reasons to pray for the ministry of IREF



India election results came in on May 16, 2014 and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was elected into office with Narendra Modi as the new India Prime Minister. Narendra Modi will replace Manmohan Singh, India's outgoing Prime Minister of ten years from the Indian National Congress Party. India has hopes that Modi will reduce corruption and better the country by increasing the economic status of India.

The BJP Party is a Hindu party with a Hindu nationalist agenda - an ideology that seems to create a purely Hindu India. IREF is praying diligently for the new Prime Minister and asks that you will too. God is good and His grace and mercy have and will continue to be for the people of Andhra Pradesh to know His love for them. Every country experiences challenges with new leaders, but only God can change the dynamic of a new government to promote and help His people. We serve an amazing God whom IREF is certain will help encourage Prime Minister Modi to change India into a country that meets the needs of the poor and provides a religious freedom that allows every citizen the right to choose who they will serve.

Please pray that God will help Prime Minister Modi to direct the country toward peace and so the people of India will not fear oppression based on their religion.

Please pray that God's will would be done through the outreach provided

through IREF to serve the poor population of Andhra Pradesh. IREF was established and has grown to the point it is today because of the prayers of a loyal base of supporters which has spurred the grace and mercy of God to be upon the people of rural India. Your prayers are necessary for IREF to remain a cornerstone for this population of India to experience God's love for them.

IREF has already baptized close to 400 new believers this year, our prayer and hope is that many more will come to know Christ in 2014.



*Narendra Modi (left) with new Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, Chandra Babu Naidu.*

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**You're Invited!** Join us for the third annual IREF Golf Outing that will be held on August 23, 2014 at Antioch Golf Club. Your participation is a fun opportunity to raise funding and to also introduce your friends and family members to the ministry that you have so faithfully supported through the years. Foursomes and sponsorship opportunities are available. A beautiful day of golf, silent auction and dinner is planned. **Register today at [irefusa.org](http://irefusa.org)!**

Don't Golf? Come for dinner and a ministry update and fellowship. We'd love to see you! For more information on sponsorship opportunities and foursomes, please call April @ 847.533.5487 or email [GolfOuting@irefusa.org](mailto:GolfOuting@irefusa.org).

### India Rural Evangelical Fellowship 3rd Annual Golf Outing



**Saturday, August 23, 2014  
11 am - Antioch Golf Club**



## Financial Accountability

The 2014 grant for one hundred thousand dollars, that will match all new and increased child sponsorship in 2014, has been seeing much progress since it was announced this last March. Over the last two months IREF has taken on 61 new child sponsors, which is an incredible testament to God's grace and mercy to support these children throughout their education process at IREF Schools and Childcare Centers. The IREF board would like to extend the dates to sponsor a child and invite anyone who is feeling God's leading hand to partner with a child an opportunity to help. The verse that IREF leadership is focused on through this

process is 2 Corinthians 12:9 - "But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

IREF still has a need to sponsor 177 children who attended IREF Schools or Childcare Centers in 2013 and would like to return to school for the 2014 school year. IREF will remain faithful and obedient to God's calling during this time of need to provide the necessary sponsors to complete the replacement of funding from our European Donor.

## Letter of Thanks from Emmanuel Rebba



I enjoyed being back in the U.S. in the month of May and I particularly enjoyed seeing my friends and loyal supporters of IREF. I had the opportunity to have lunch with individuals that offered many kind words of encouragement that always allow me to remember that IREF is a ministry built on the prayers of God-fearing supporters. I was able to attend many different churches when I was home and meet with their leadership. What an exciting time to see congregations growing and Pastors playing a strong role in their prospective communities.

Every year it becomes more challenging to return home to Chicago and it is especially hard to see everyone I would like to. IREF now has support from generous donors across 42 of the 50 states and even our IREF board members come from 3 different states. I am blessed to know that you all pray diligently for the ministry and felt extremely blessed to hear from many of you about how you are working to help the ministry grow in time of what we think to be a challenge.

God is moving through many of you to help the ministry of IREF. I wanted to offer a gracious thank you to everyone working for the ministry of IREF whether you are a child/evangelist sponsor, prayer partner, team leader of a past or upcoming mission team or board member. I know I cannot get out to lunch with everyone, but please know that I wish I could... Please pray for me as I travel back to India on June 1st. Thank you for all your prayers and support for IREF and our family.

*Emmanuel Rebba,  
IREF India Director*

## Prayer Requests and Praise

- The 2014-15 school year will kick off the second week of June. Please pray for the students as they travel back to IREF for a new academic year, and for staff members as they take on a new year, new curriculum, new students.
- IREF will hold its annual Summer Retreat the week of June 23rd. This retreat is held every year to encourage and cultivate the Word among those who became new believers during the January and February Youth Conference and Gospel Meetings. It is also a time for IREF's evangelists and Bible Ladies to be spiritually recharged!
- Save the Date! The 3rd Annual IREF Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, August 23. Please be praying for how you can introduce IREF to new friends and family.
- Please pray for the continued support of IREF children in light of a faithful sponsor leaving. Ask that IREF leaders will seek God through upcoming decisions regarding the ministry's ability to serve the children.
- As students return to IREF, please pray for those who may have faced difficulties in their homes and villages as a result of accepting Christ as their Savior. For those families who have been witnessed to - that they may see the light and grace of God through their children and IREF.

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