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My IREF Experience This year I was honored to spend a few months at IREF. I arrived on January 6th and met up with medical teams from Scotland and Michigan. As we arrived at IREF, you could feel excitement in the air. It was tangible. IREF students were giggling and I could see the “what did I get myself into” face on the first time visitors. As we walked off the bus, we were met with flowers, fireworks, and fist bumps from hundreds of students. Shouts of “Vandanalu! Vandanalu!” filled the streets.



As the medical team kicked off the clinic for the IREF schools, I prepped for the Annual Youth Conference. The theme? Walking with God. The conference was a special time. It was a privilege to preach alongside Emmanuel and John Rebba.



One of the highlights came on the third night of the conference. The music team was leading the audience in worship when the power went out. No more piano, no more electric drums, no more microphones. Suddenly, thousands of voices began singing to Jesus. No agenda, just pure worship. Reading back through my journal, it said, “This is what heaven will sound like. The Scots singing with their accents, students singing in Telugu, and I get to add my voice to tell my Savior that I love Him.” That was a beautiful night and a holy moment.

As the Youth Conference closed, we began medical clinics for the villages. I am shocked at how IREF's leaders find these villages. The people are in remote regions and many are without access to medical help. I believe these medical clinics mean more for the villagers than we will ever understand. I watched first hand many individuals shocked at their newfound vision as they showed off their new glasses. I listened to the dentists explaining the long-term benefits of removing a bad tooth. And I remember the love and compassion the nurses showed each individual.



Our first village clinic lasted the entire day. We were exhausted as we traveled back to the base when Dee Rebba decided to take a detour to drop off blankets. We arrived around 9pm and Dee ran off the bus hugging villagers and showing them the love of Christ. I stayed on the bus and when she returned to the bus I asked, “Couldn't we just do this another time?” I will never forget her response. She responded to my complaint with a smile saying, “Tre, tomorrow may never come and it is never guaranteed so we must love with all we have today.”

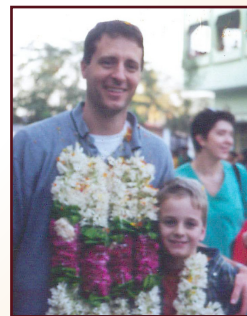
The rest of my time in India was spent connecting with local pastors, playing music for the kids, and partnering with the Florida team. I enjoyed learning games like Kabaddi and Cricket, speaking Telugu with the students, and losing taste buds to chicken curry.



Like many of you reading this, IREF has impacted me. Every person that visits IREF is changed. It is inspiring to see students encounter God in the midst of their pain, to see the Lord draw near to broken-hearted people, and to witness leaders sacrificing their lives so that others can hear the message of Jesus Christ. My eyes have been opened to a world bigger than myself. Through IREF, we all have the opportunity to not simply “make someone's day”, but rather to change a life.

I feel honored to know the Rebba Family and the leadership at IREF. They are an example of picking up the cross and following Christ. Please continue to pray for IREF, the children, and pray that the Spirit of God would continue to touch hearts throughout India!

~Tre Moore



Tre with his dad Chip (IREF Board Chairman), during his first trip to IREF as a kid.



Save the Date

7TH ANNUAL INDIA RURAL EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP

GOLF OUTING

Register
today at
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SATURDAY 7.28.2018

BONNIE BROOK GOLF COURSE - WAUKEGAN, IL

IT'S NOT TOO LATE...REGISTER The 7th annual IREF golf outing is only a few weeks away. Consider gathering a foursome (or two) together to golf with us. Registration begins at noon on Saturday, July 28th. Tee-off will start at 1pm. The day will include lunch and dinner. If you can't golf with us, simply come to the dinner banquet at 6pm to fellowship and hear a ministry update. Opportunities are still available to help make the golf outing a success:

Become a sponsor! We still have Event, Dinner and Lunch sponsorships available that have proven to be a huge part of the fundraising success of this event. We provide signage for all who bless us with this kind of sponsorship.

Be a hole sponsor! Do you have a business? Do your friends or family members have a business? The IREF Golf outing provides great networking opportunities and provides premium visibility at our event.

Donate items for our silent auction. The auction is a very successful part of our fundraising. Do you have a time-share or cabin you could offer? Do you have season tickets for sports teams, opera, or theater? Did you receive a gift or gift card that you won't use?

Invite your friends and introduce them to IREF. Volunteer to help with set-up for the big day!

We ask that above all that you **please pray for the event and hold this ministry you love up in prayer!**

Prayer & Praise

- Please be praying for the 7th annual golf outing. Pray that it will be a successful event and a day of great fellowship and celebrating all that God is doing.
- Hindu organizations have become more aggressive, claiming that India belongs to Hinduism. Pray for Christian converts from Hinduism who are forcefully pressured to return to Hinduism. Pray for God's provision and protection over IREF evangelists, Bible ladies and Pastors as the Hindu radicals are moving closer and closer to Repalle.
- Please pray for IREF staff and students while they are on summer holidays. Many return to idol-worshipping families for the summer holiday and need your prayers as they stand firm for Christ.
- Please pray for the strength and prosperity of our supporting churches, businesses and sponsors.
- As a new academic year kicks off, please pray for the IREF teachers and educational staff members. May the Lord bless each one of His servants to lead faithfully.

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