



Prayer Requests for IREF The new academic year is in full swing. Students have started their classes and are shaking the academic rust off from summer break. The bell has rung and classes are now in session.



The Believers' Retreat also brought a number of new pastors to IREF. In June, a handful of pastors (not associated with IREF) traveled from about 10 hours away to attend the Retreat. These same pastors brought other pastors from their villages to IREF, all wanting to become part of the IREF family. The result of their attendance and their testimonies is an indication of two things: one, it is a testament to how far and wide the Lord is using IREF to reach the masses; and two, that people are hungry for the Gospel.

The enemy works hard to take the kids at IREF out of godly care through illnesses (to their families and/or the students themselves), homesickness, spiritual oppression, and other forms of distraction. It is imperative that these students (new or old, Christian or not) become rooted in prayer and develop a prayer life. What must be remembered is that the enemy does not dictate our relationship with God; rather it is His voice and our belief in Him that spurs us to become more rooted and active in the faith. Please pray they would be able to cultivate a richer and deeper relationship with God as the school year progresses. Please also pray that they would have bigger eyes and bigger ears and bigger hearts to what the Lord teaches them throughout the year.



Please pray for the upcoming pastors conferences in the coming months. These pastors are yearning to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a tremendous opportunity that the Lord has given to IREF to shine the light of Christ in these villages and to expand the Kingdom. One village in particular is a place of enormous evil. The name of this village is called Tirupati. Known for its sizable Hindu temples, it is a major stronghold of the enemy. This is quite literally the devil's playground/breeding ground for evil. It is miles and miles of temples and shrines dedicated to false deities. Because of how the evil is in this village, pastors are discouraged by such intense opposition. Pray that these meetings will encourage them to keep their heads high, and their eyes looking to Jesus, and guiding others to do the same. Pray that the meetings would be the silver lining of courage that these pastors yearn to have in such a dark place. Again the glory goes to God for providing the opportunity to use IREF to bring the light of Christ to this village. As a community we must pray that God moves in this village in advance; that He begins a revival among this lost population.



We ask that the IREF family prays for Emmanuel and Dee Rebba, as well as other members of the extended family as they have been victims of spiritual attacks through illness. Please pray for continued healing in these circumstances. Despite sickness or health issues, God is greater than the enemy and God's work is greater than the enemy's tactics.

August marks IREF's first golf outing. It will be filled with a beautiful day of golf, a silent auction, followed by dinner and an IREF ministry update. It is a fun opportunity to raise awareness (and funds) but to also introduce others to the ministry of IREF. Please pray that the first annual outing is a success on August 18th.

Pray that students will endure the entire school year. Pray that external factors will be kept at bay from them returning to their homes and out of IREF's care; that those factors will not keep them from knowing who Jesus is and developing a relationship with Him. And even if they do return home mid-year, that the seeds that have been planted through IREF will stay with them.

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