

August 2014



**IREF's 3rd Annual Golf Outing is Only a Few Days Away**, and we are all excited to see what God will do for the children in our care through this fun-filled event. A few years back we really had no idea if a golf event would resonate with our donors as a fund-raising vehicle. But we truly have devoted supporters who showed up, brought friends, sponsored holes, and donated silent auction items!

Thanks to our donors, the success of the Golf Outing came at an especially critical time when IREF needed to make up for lost funding from a ministry partner organization, rapidly withdrawing long-time relief efforts in India. Last year the participation of 110 attendees, combined with an anonymous and generous matching gift, resulted in our continued commitment to IREF children with education, proper nutrition, and health check-ups.

Anyone who has spent any time around the little ones who come to one of our schools or child development centers, has heard stories of abandonment, abuses of every kind, and general poverty that leaves no hope of living beyond a day-to-day subsistence level. These commonplace problems of India's poor children aren't going away, and IREF's funding needs are increasing to meet the aforementioned challenge.

Our 3rd Annual Golf Outing provides another opportunity for God's will and power to move in the lives and futures of our kids. As you may already know, we have been blessed again this year with another anonymous matching challenge in the breathtaking amount of \$100,000.00 through the end of 2014! All sustainable new giving for the care of IREF children will be matched! So as we endeavor to maximize this opportunity, here is how you can help:

- Sponsor a child or a classroom if you haven't already. The money given through 2014 will be matched! If you already sponsor a child, sponsor another! Did we mention that the funds would be matched?
- Attend and play golf or if you don't golf, please come for dinner!
- Sponsor a hole! We have a few left.
- Donate a silent auction item.
- If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation anyway.
- Bring as many friends as you can! This event combined with your personal endorsement of the work IREF does, will do more to bring in new donors than any newsletter or expensive advertising ever could.



The Annual Golf Outing is our one event that exclusively supports the children and only the children. Please join us in meeting our challenges. God continues to demonstrate that nothing is impossible with Him. We invite you to have the joy of being there and witnessing His work unfold before your eyes.

*April Witkowski, IREF US Board Secretary*

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**Child Sponsorship Update** Every year I aim to travel to India in the month of June to facilitate the progress reports for children and pastors currently in the IREF sponsorship program. My goal through this communication back to sponsors is to report the child's academic progress from last year, the status of their



health and any changes the child has incurred over the past year like baptism or any urgent family challenges. For pastors I am trying to provide information in regards to the growth and size of their congregation and any special needs for prayer that each pastor may currently have. My goal for this trip was to ensure that this communication is completed and sent to sponsors in the coming weeks of August or September.

In order to efficiently complete progress reports for the sponsorship program in June and work with IREF through the Believers Retreat, I will be working to facilitate new photos for sponsors in December and January. During this time, there is more assistance from family and team members to complete the thousands of photographs needed to send out to sponsors. I am committed to ensuring that each sponsor has a sufficient amount of communication to understand the impact they are having on each child's life and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have an urgent need that I can help you with. I am currently the only staff member facilitating sponsorship work in India and the USA so please pray as I am expediting this process that IREF will achieve the organization and efficiency needed to see this program be successful. Children at IREF need your help and my hope is that God will bless each sponsor through this journey.

*John Rebba, Donor Relations Coordinator*

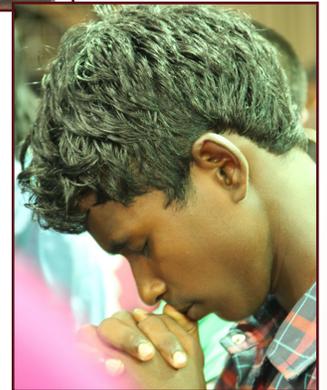
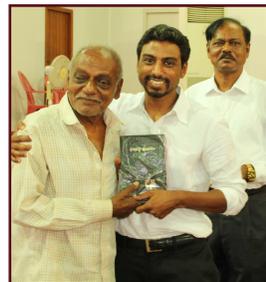


## IREF Believers Retreat 2014

Each year at the beginning of the IREF academic school year, a Believers' Retreat is held to provide students, staff, Pastors and local residents with a time of worship and revival after the summer break. This year's 2014 Believers' Retreat was a success with hundreds of participants coming forward during altar call each day and over 20 received baptism and the gift of their own Bible after the week long procession. I have often shared with our supporters that at the 4-day event; students, staff and pastors are reminded each year of what the main goal of IREF is...to win souls for Christ. IREF can feed, clothe and educate these children but if they don't leave this place with Christ we have not completed our mission to God's standard.

Throughout the week IREF Pastors and local speakers were asked to participate in the Believers' Retreat to help minister to all in attendance. These leaders play a key role in promoting IREF events to different villages that may need Jesus Christ and they assist IREF in communicating the success of each event to these hard-to-reach areas in which they may reside. In addition to myself, John Rebba spoke at the retreat while he was on the IREF campus to coordinate the progress report communication to sponsors here in the U.S. Please continue to pray for IREF students, staff and Pastors as they prepare to meet the mission of IREF in 2014 by equipping students to serve as agents of change for their communities. With your prayers and God's guidance, IREF can confirm God's sovereignty to the impoverished and predominantly Hindu people of Southeast India.

*Emmanuel Rebba,  
President*



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### Prayer Request and Praise

- Please pray for the 3rd annual IREF Golf Outing that it would be a success and God would be glorified.
- Please pray for the Rebba family for safe travel as Emmanuel Rebba is traveling back to the US for the 3rd Annual IREF Golf Outing and Kalamazoo Banquet. Dee will be traveling back to India with Emmanuel in September to begin preparing for the 2015 team.
- Please pray for the IREF board as many tough decisions need to be made in 2014. Pray that God will provide the drive and creativity needed to overcome financial challenges in child sponsorship.
- Please pray for the continued support of IREF children in light of a faithful sponsor leaving.
- Praise God for the almost 100 new child sponsors that have come forward to partner with IREF children for 2014.
- Praise God for providing the funding for the new John's English Medium School. This upgrade in curriculum will allow IREF to ensure the students leave IREF with the language skills needed to provide for themselves and their families.
- Praise God for the matching grant for 2014 and the impact it has for IREF. We thank God for His creativity and unique gift to raise funding for IREF child support in light of financial challenges. We praise God for all our loyal supporters who have prayed and given in response to the needs of the children in Repalle.