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To all our dear friends and supporters,

This year has been a year of Thanksgiving. Last year was met with great challenges but also with great reassurance that God's hand is upon IREF; and that He is continually using IREF to spread His light to rural India. This Christmas, we especially thank God for the on-going support of so many who keep this ministry in their prayers and in their hearts. Through such mighty prayers, God has done (and is still doing) many amazing things at IREF and through IREF.

As this year is coming to a close, we look back on how the Lord has blessed the ministry throughout the year.

A large number of people were brought to the Kingdom of Christ; many congregations were added to the ministry of IREF; and thousands of children were fed, clothed, and educated in the name of Christ in 2012.



Thousands committed their lives to Jesus Christ through the annual Youth Conference in January and the Gospel Crusade meetings at IREF in February. The Lord continuously opens doors for the masses to hear the truth that comes only through Jesus Christ. From March-May IREF Evangelists were divided into teams to conduct Gospel meetings in various villages. Depending on the size of the village, anywhere from 500-5,000 people were in attendance. It is through these meetings that young and old are turning from the falsity of Hinduism to knowing the true reality of the Cross. The hunger for the Gospel is growing in these remote areas of Andhra Pradesh, India.

A highlight this year was seeing over 450 pastors rededicate their lives back to Christ. It was a privilege for IREF to hold a pastor's conference in the village of Tirupati. Tirupati is known as the hub of Hinduism in Andhra Pradesh because it is a mecca for devout Hindu believers. Local pastors have been discouraged by such strong spiritual opposition. Yet, because the Lord provided an opportunity for IREF to encourage these



pastors, they are now courageously walking to spread the light of Christ in the surrounding villages of Tirupati. We pray this is the start of a revival among such a large population of devout Hindu believers.

We are thankful that enrollment at each of the IREF educational institutions is steadily increasing every year. This is an indication to us that the cycle of poverty is being disrupted. In addition to that, since the start of the academic school year in June, each week more and more students are accepting Christ. For many of these kids, this is the first time in their lives that they are hearing the Gospel. And after hearing the Gospel, they are choosing Christ. IREF is preparing the next generation so they can in turn be the catalyst for spiritual change in their own communities. The fruit is seen when Gospel meetings are held in their home village where some have become leaders in their local church.



No words can describe the overwhelming joy of seeing these kids' lives transformed because of the love of Christ. Heavy are our hearts for the children that come to IREF. It is not easy and often comes with literal abandonment once they give their lives to Christ. Please



pray that IREF is sufficiently able to nurture the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being of students who seek by faith what is unseen. For these students, IREF has become their home and their safe haven; their place of rest, reassurance, and rescue.

Once again we thank you for your dedicated support for the ministry of IREF. It is through you and your prayers that God has provided so much to so many. We also would like to say thank you for your relentless prayers for Dee and myself as we were overcome with some illness during the year. His grace was (and is) sufficient for us by the power of pray. By God's grace, He helped us get through such a rough time and we are forever grateful for the love you've shown us not only in this past year but always. Please continue to pray for IREF. Please pray that IREF is a blessing to others in this new year as we strive to reach the lost for Christ Jesus.

We remember each of you this season and wish you a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year. May God bless you and your families.

In Him,
Emmanuel and Dee Rebba



New IREF Address After a time of discussion, the IREF USA Board has decided to relocate the remittance address back to the PO Box in Park Ridge, IL.

So effective immediately all gifts should be sent to the new remittance address:

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We ask that you update your electronic giving to the new remittance address as soon as possible.

Do not be concerned if you have recently sent gifts to the old remittance address. IREF plans to maintain the previous PO Box for a period of time. If you have any questions feel free to contact IREF Financial Secretary - Bill Hampe at bhampe@irefusa.org.

There's still time to give the children, evangelists and Bible ladies at IREF a Christmas gift and dinner too! To deliver your Christmas gift to India sooner, consider donating online using JustGive or PayPal. Go to www.irefusa.org and simply click "How to Help". From there, click "Online Donation" to easily give today! See more projects and ways to help on the enclosed Capital Project list or by clicking on our "Current Major Projects" under "How to Help". We need the help of our ministry partners in order to touch the lives of so many in rural India. Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and He will repay him for his deed." - Proverbs 18:17

Thank you for your generous and joyful giving and for your faithfulness in praying for this ministry! You have helped proclaim the Gospel, feed the hungry, shelter disaster victims, build churches, educate children and provide safety to our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.



An IREF student passes out Bibles to local Hindu women.

You are a blessing to all of the lives you have impacted for the Kingdom! We are so very honored to partner with you!

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2013 New Year Prayer Requests For the past 26 years, teams of pastors, medical personnel and willing workers have been traveling from the US and UK to Repalle to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

A team of students from Trinity International University are leaving on **December 27th** to spend 2 weeks in Repalle working with the young students at IREF in the classroom, building churches, and sharing the Gospel with their testimonies of faith in multiple villages. Please pray that their time with IREF will be blessed.

January 11-15th, IREF will be hosting its annual Youth Conference. Thousands of young people attend each year and hundreds accept Christ as their Savior. Pray for the young people as they open their hearts to the Gospel and the potential

Early in February, another team travels to India for the Gospel Meetings being held **February 6-10th**. Please pray that many more people come to a saving faith in Jesus. Thousands of people travel from far distances to hear the Gospel. Many poor and needy travel for medical care and assistance in the free clinic that is set up on the IREF campus.

Please pray with us for the teams heading to IREF, pray that the Spirit will lead each team member through their journey to IREF, and please pray for safety and health.



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