



Christmas Giving Season is Here

When you consider giving a present to a friend or family member during the holiday season, often times it symbolizes that you care for that person. God's love is shown in many different ways throughout Christmas time and no matter what country you are from, God uses a gift as an international symbol of how He shows His love for us all. Each year God uses the simple idea of a Christmas gift to bring many IREF children to know God on a deeper level. It is at this time of the year that children start to ask questions to why gift-giving events are held and why someone would provide them with a present.

The IREF Christmas Celebration and gift-giving event will be held in the Repalle Evangelical Church on December 19th. God uses this event to work through the lives of many children who come from hindu backgrounds and don't understand how God could love them so much to provide them a gift. It is through this time of the year that IREF devotions with the children and weekly worship messages are centered around helping each child understand better how God works to show His love for all His children.

If you would like to donate to this success of this event you may provide a gift through the IREF website at irefusa.org and designate your donation to Christmas Gift for children.



IREF students and staff light the annual Christmas stars around the Repalle campus.



IREF congregations also light the Christmas star in each village as a beacon of light and hope in a dark country.

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Dee Rebba translates in Telugu as Craig Dyer teaches and trains.



Evangelists, pastors and Bible ladies in group discussions.

Scotland Native Craig Dyer Blesses IREF Pastors & Bible Ladies

During the last week of November Pastor Craig Dyer, author of Christianity Explored and IREF trustee from Scotland visited the IREF campus to offer training to IREF pastors/evangelists, Bible ladies & staff. Craig serves to provide training to Gospel-hearted churches around the world and describes his life's work as "equipping hundreds to train thousands to rescue millions."

Christianity Explored is an indepth study of the Gospel of Mark that address five primary questions: 1) Who is Jesus; 2) Why did Jesus come? To be rejected; 3) Why did Jesus come? To be killed; 4) Why did Jesus come? To rise again; and 5) What does it mean for us?

While visiting the IREF campus, Craig blessed IREF leaders with the Christianity Explored training to help them proclaim the Gospel through the rural IREF churches by assisting each leader develop a Biblical strategy for evangelism.

Emmanuel Rebba commented on the training and stated, "Craig has a strong passion for proclaiming the Gospel that was felt by many IREF staff who attended the training". Furthermore, Emmanuel mentioned that IREF pastors can become renewed through this type of training and it will encourage them with new ways of reaching people with the Good News. IREF has been working with Craig Dyer for months to develop a Telugu version of Christianity Explored curriculum and was excited to be apart of Craig's launch of the program in November. IREF thanks its Scotland-based supporters for their contribution to the ministry of IREF and also to Craig Dyer for being a committed servant of Christ to train current leadership at IREF.



2015 Trinity Mission Team Prepares for Take-Off

In October students from Trinity International University prepared for their annual student mission trip to IREF. Every year prior to the trip it is customary to meet with the Rebba family for an evening to share a meal and get to know one another. This year Dee Rebba and John Rebba hosted the students for an Indian meal similar to what the students will be receiving routinely while on the IREF campus. Dee Rebba mentioned "the students are so prepared already with six students having been to IREF in prior years on mission trips, we are so blessed to have such a mature group of students coming to serve."



IREF has truly been blessed from the partnership with Trinity International University and has seen many IREF children come to know Christ because of the inspiration from the Trinity students. Emmanuel Rebba commented that the impact the Trinity Mission teams have on IREF children: "the children relate with these students because many are working on their education and experiencing many of the same types of struggles in life even though they are from different parts of the world."

IREF is welcoming back six former Trinity mission team members from 2013 and is looking forward to a impactful time of worship with IREF children during the IREF Youth Conferences. **Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare to serve at the IREF campus in late December through early January.**



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IREF Website New Updates Now Include Recurring Transactions

The screenshot shows the 'Payment Information' section of the IREF website. It includes fields for 'Donation Amount \$', 'Make Recurring Donation' (with a checkbox and a dropdown menu set to 'Monthly'), 'Name on Card', 'Card Number', 'Card Expires' (with a dropdown menu set to 'January' and a year dropdown set to '2014'), and 'CVV Number'. There are also icons for VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover, and a link to 'Credit Card'.

Now available through the IREF Giving Portal at irefusa.org recurring transactions can be selected for those stewards who give monthly contributions to the IREF Ministry. We thank you for your patience as this feature was updated to the current IREF Giving Software and hope that many will find convenience in this new feature.

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Prayer Requests and Praise

- Praise God for the 2014 matching grant and the encouragement it has been to IREF leaders to raise funds to replace the lost European funding.
- Please pray for the Trinity Team's travel and that they will be faithful to God's calling to prepare them to bless and serve the children of IREF.
- IREF is preparing for the 2015 missions trip. Please pray for team members signed up and for IREF USA Director, Craig Darling, as they serve in Repalle. Please pray that travel complications will be limited and that baggage & supplies will reach the IREF campus without tampering.
- Please pray for the upcoming Christmas season and that IREF would be able to promote Christianity to children and locals with the message of the Christmas story. Please pray that all students will consider the love that Jesus Christ is providing them with this Christmas season.
- Please pray for strength, direction and safety of IREF board members, staff and teams as they prepare to touch lives through the Youth Conference and Gospel Crusades.