

India Rural Evangelical Fellowship 2014 Annual Ministry Report

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. James 1:2-3 NLT

Dear Friends of IREF:

What a journey of faith this past year has been. Actually, as I look over the past few decades, my faith has grown as I've seen all the Lord has done in and through IREF. He is able to do immeasurably more than we can imagine. His mercy, grace, protection, and provision has carried this ministry. I believe it is because the ministry has been faithful to sharing the gospel, and caring for the poor. Two things that are central to our faith and very important to the Lord.



As many of you know, IREF has been blessed for many years by the generous support of a European relief agency. They came alongside IREF in the building of several of our facilities, and with the majority of our monthly support for orphans. Three years ago they made a decision to shift their focus away from India. IREF was one of many Indian organizations they supported. To help make a the transition, they gave a four year notice, reducing their support by 25% each year. As we entered into 2014, our faith was tested. How would we make up the support needed to continue to operate our orphanage and schools?

But once again, God was faithful. A generous donor in the U.S. offered a matching grant for orphan support. They would match any new orphan support in 2014 up to \$100,000. Our U.S. Board wondered- can we possibly find new orphan donors to fully utilize this matching grant? I'm thrilled to report we were able to raise \$90,000.00 in additional child funds which will be matched. This new funding ensured continued support for over 200 children. **Praise the Lord!**



2015 will again bring us to prayerfully seek the Lord to continue what he has called us to do. We'll need many more new friends for child support and evangelism support. Consider helping us spread the word to friends and your church about the great work IREF is doing. Many companies offer matching grants for any donations that you make personally. We want to continue providing educational opportunities to the very poor; helping them break out of the cycle of poverty. And as we continue to love and support the poor, we want to boldly proclaim that we do all this in Jesus name. We want to plant additional churches in villages that have no church, and continue to preach the Good News through conferences and outreach meetings.

We are confident that He who began this good work will bring faithful partners. Please continue to pray for us. Thanks for your faithfulness to this ministry.

Chip Moore, IREF Board Chairman