



Pastors Have a Very Special Calling

in their lives. God is raising up and providing shepherds after His own heart. He is the one who has blessed and called pastors with the talents, skills, and heart that the Lord needs for His people.

IREF conducted a one-day pastors' retreat in the town of Nuzividu, which is six hours away from Repalle. Nuzividu is a very fertile land that is well-tended to by hard working people, and known best for its mango crops. But the spiritual lives of the villagers are far from the Lord. Idolatry is prevalent, churches are inactive, pastors are idle... congregations are neglected.

A few local divisional leaders, who reported that they are dedicated viewers of IREF's TV program - "Subhavartha", said that they gather to watch the program together for training in the Word. These same pastors invited Emmanuel Rebba to preach and pray for them and their town. There were a total of 450 pastors and leaders (including political leaders) who gathered in response to the invitation to hear Emmanuel share the Gospel.



Emmanuel preached on "Spiritual Awakening" from the book of Nehemiah. Addressing the present issues that preachers are facing and the how the church ought to respond. Many were filled with sorrow and expressed they have neglected the call of God for worldly things. This meeting brought great revival among the pastors, so they could renew their ministry and call for the extension of God's kingdom. Many came forward to testify how they are blessed by this retreat.



The conference also included a time of prayer and lifting each other up before the Lord. Each pastor serves spiritually stricken areas in and around Nuzividu. Darkness and oppression are battled each day and without God's mercy and grace they have no hope.

Pastors are such a blessing to the church and to God's kingdom in India. Please pray for these men and women, that they may find encouragement and hope to continue on each day. This challenge to lift up the pastors in Southeast India through prayer is one that is taken seriously by IREF and we can use your prayers to continue the work.

"In the bad situations Nehemiah work for the Lord, and for the welfare of his people. He built the wall of Jerusalem and so like him I also decided from today onward, I will rebuild the wall of my church to better my community." Testimony shared by Pastor T. Prabhakar Rao.

The Power of Baptism

The Holy Spirit is moving on the campus of IREF in Repalle. Many young people are coming forward each week and giving their lives to Christ. Baptism is a public confession of faith that some are afraid to make in fear of the persecution and ostracism that comes from this decision to follow Christ. Yet each week, an average of 20 young people are being baptized. God is good!



Prayer Requests and Praise

- 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. Preparations are underway for all child and evangelist gifts. IREF is counting on God to provide the funding for this impactful time of the year for the people of Southeast India.
- Please pray as IREF staff and students prepare for the 2019 Youth Conference and Gospel Meetings.
- Please pray as IREF is recruiting team members to join the 2019 missions team. If you are interested in traveling to IREF to serve, please contact us at info@irefusa.org.
- Praise God for His graciousness to this ministry and His sovereignty to provide for every need.

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Christmas for India

We are now collecting Christmas gifts for children, evangelists and their families. A considerable amount of planning by the IREF board and staff is required to arrange gifts and we thank you in advance for your stewardship.

Any support received now will ensure that Christmas will arrive on time.

Please consider:

- \$25 for Children's Christmas Gift (new clothes)
- \$45 for Evangelists and Bible Ladies Christmas Gift (new clothing and food for their family)

To deliver your Christmas gift to India sooner, donate online at irefusa.org and simply click "How to Help" and "Make a Donation".

We extend our warmest thanks to you, the faithful supporters of IREF who make Christmas in Repalle possible each year!

