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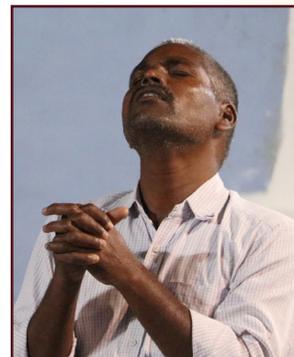
2022 Youth Conference Students gathered together for the annual IREF Youth Conference from January 13th-16th. The Youth Conference looked different than year's past, but God proved to be moving. Last year IREF had to restrict the Youth Conference attendance to only the students living on campus due to Covid-19. This year, many people (of all ages) attended the conference from villages all over Andhra Pradesh.

The theme of this year's conference came from Matthew 7:24-27 "Building a life with a strong foundation". Jesus' famous illustration contrasted two foundations for life. One is lived according to His teaching, the other is not. Foundations matter, both in construction and in the way a person views the world. Those who follow Jesus' teaching are like a wise man who built a house on a rock. Those who ignore Him are like a foolish man who built a house on sand.

God did a mighty work throughout the conference. John Rebba said, "My hope and prayer is that the Youth Conference brought many people back to Jesus Christ so that they can continue to build their foundation in Jesus Christ."

On Saturday, 9 young adults were saved and baptized. The next day in the Sunday morning service, IREF celebrated each person's courageous step and gifted them each a new Telugu Bible. As they begin their discipleship path and their lifelong pursuit of knowing Christ, we trust God's Word will strengthen them in difficulties and draw them to Him.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to move in the lives of everyone who heard the Gospel during the Youth Conference.



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Prayer & Praise

- Please continue praying for a movement that results in great unity among the global Christian community. Pray as IREF evangelists and Bible ladies concentrate their efforts on spreading the Good News in the new year.
- Many students who have joined IREF for this academic year, are hearing the Gospel for the first time. Praise God for the commitments made to follow Christ!
- Please continue to pray for IREF evangelists and Bible ladies as they minister in rural villages. Many have faced incredible losses in their families and congregations. Pray that God would provide comfort and shine His light in, with and through IREF's evangelists and Bible ladies who are diligently working to spread the Gospel.