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IREF Together Update - Goal Reached!

When friends and family of IREF joined the global IREF Together event on April 2nd, they heard about IREF's need to restore and rebuild village churches. The \$75k IREF Together fundraising goal has been raised! All 26 IREF churches in need, will be renovated and restored! Thank you to everyone who participated in this campaign.

Your generosity is already being felt in Raja Kalava village as renovations have begun. This includes landscaping, concrete work, and painting. We've also installed water pumps to provide water for the community!

Churches like Raja Kalava are so much more than church buildings. Many IREF churches act as community centers, operating food drives for starving families and providing after-school programs for village children. By investing in churches like Raja Kalava, you are investing in impoverished communities!

None of this is possible without your prayer and support. Thank you for being part of the global IREF Family.



IREF Hosts Pastors' Conference

On May 3rd, IREF held a pastors conference in a city 2 hours away IREF's main campus. By God's grace, over 1500 pastors attended the pastors meeting in Guntur. Emmanuel Rebba challenged the church leaders with the teaching of Spiritual Renewal. The hope is that these leaders will be the catalyst to bring about Christian hope and change in their communities. IREF saw these pastors come alive with the teaching and preaching of God's Word.

"This is why it is said: 'Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'" Ephesians 5:14 (NIV).

Through this conference and these pastors, IREF desires to see the family of Christ in India Spiritually Reawakened. We pray that the Lord will use these pastors as they go back to their congregations and bring a revival among the people they minister to.



SAVE THE DATE for the 10th annual IREF Illinois Golf Outing on Saturday, August 6th at Bonnie Brook Golf Course. The Golf Outing is shotgun format and staggered tee times are from 9am to 1pm. Register online at irefusa.org/golf or by emailing golfouting@irefusa.org. Tee times are filling up so register today!

Please note - This year, the IREF Golf Outing and the Banquet Dinner will be on separate dates this year. August 6th is golf only. Details for the banquet dinner will be released in the coming months.



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Nursing Students Success In March 2022, the Nursing seniors took their last class and their last examinations as IREF Nursing students. It is time for them to move into their next stage in life. For many of these young women, IREF has become their home and way of life in various aspects.

"I am happy to be finishing my nursing course but I am fearful of what is next. For the last 4 years being at IREF has been my life - life after IREF is the question," said Sravani, a graduating senior.

With uncertainty, these graduating nursing students have been busy looking and applying for jobs. One of the positions they have been collectively applying for is a Mid-Level Healthcare provider position. In 2019, this position was introduced to improve access and provide efficient and cost-effective healthcare.

By faith, 12 students put in their applications. They hoped for the best but had Plan B (another application to various medical facilities) ready. Yet, in the midst of uncertainty and doubt God had their best interests in mind. These 12 senior students were all selected to this new medical professional posting.

Mid-Level Healthcare providers are currently being used particularly in resource-poor settings to make up for the scarcity of health professionals. Their role has been progressively expanding to overcome health workforce challenges and improve access to essential health services.

There were limited postings for these positions. Only 4,755 positions were available which made this a highly competitive application process. These medical profession postings are government positions which means job security. It also means financial security for them, their families and their futures.

For these 12 seniors, this is an answer to prayer and confirmation of God's faithfulness. It is an encouragement to their own trust in God; it is an affirmation that they did not "choose blindly" to study Nursing.

There were many challenges for these graduates. There were times where they thought it better to drop out of Nursing College to help their families financially via low-income, manual labor jobs. In fact, in their graduating class alone, 10 individuals dropped out of the Nursing program. There were times where the effort of studying seemed hopeless and pointless but they kept pushing. And we are witnesses to their testimonies that God is indeed faithful.

Emmanuel and Josh Rebba presented certificates to the 12 seniors in recognizing their new success. You all have played a role in their success. They could not have finished their Nursing Education without your prayer support, your financial support and the many ways you have cheered for them. Please join us in praying for these graduates as they enter into the professional medical field. Please pray that God will go before them, follow them and walk hand-in-hand with them as they enter a new stage of life.

Your generous gift of \$50 per month, will have a remarkable impact on a nursing student - educating and preparing a young professional to effectively serve a community in need of safe, affordable healthcare. Go to <https://irefusa.org/education/#nurse> to learn more about how you can make a difference.

Prayer & Praise

- We praise God for His grace upon IREF. Students will soon leave IREF to return home for summer holidays. Please keep IREF staff and students' faith, health and safety in your prayers.
- 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.

