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Macharla Pastors Conference On July 7th Emmanuel Rebba and the IREF team traveled close to 5 hours to conduct another Pastors Conference. Macharla, known for its severe poverty, consists of uneducated, tribal people-groups living in desert-terrain, where the most common form of employment is rock-breaking. The lack of accessible water, farmland, industry and infrastructure makes life difficult for these people; even livestock such as buffaloes and goats are malnourished here. Children join the workforce early in life and are married at a young age, which only perpetuates the existing cycle of poverty in this region.

While IREF's main purpose was the Pastors Conference, the desire was also to inform the community of IREF's education and holistic ministry. In the past, countless of students from this poverty-stricken area arrived at the IREF gates desperate for hope. Many of the children who have come from this area arrived at IREF with tattered clothing, poor appearance and undeniable helplessness but have left IREF with dignity, education and purpose in life. Without Christ, their change would not have been possible. We want to see God's Work done for a new generation from the area of Macharla.

The mission of this particular Pastors conference was to re-engage and encourage the Church. Over 400 pastors attended this conference. "The Word of God is lacking since the start of the pandemic, today we heard a pure Word from Emmanuel Rebba. It was an encouraging and awakening conference," said Lawrence (IREF Pastor). This is especially so with the people of Marcharla. Their circumstances have caused a hard-heartedness and hopelessness. These Pastors are the hands and feet of Christ to this region. They are sent to bring hope.

Romans 10:14-15,17 says it best, "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!' So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ."

These pastors are hungry to see the Gospel penetrate those whose will hear and receive the Word of God. IREF plans to provide in-depth training and teaching for over 4,000 pastors this year. In one week, IREF has gathered over 1,000 pastors to equip them to be sent out to preach the message of hope through Jesus Christ. Through your prayer and support, IREF is making a spiritual impact to train thousands of pastors throughout rural India.



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.
- Please pray that believers in Repalle would have opportunities to show the light and hope of Christ to their neighbors.
- Many students are returning to the IREF campus for the next academic year. Please pray for the Lord's protection upon the spiritual, mental and physical health of the staff, students and the Rebba family.

AUGUST 6, 2022 | BONNIE BROOK GOLF CLUB | 9am

10th ANNUAL IREF GOLF OUTING

Register at IREFUSA.org or Scan Here:



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.



Remembering a Dear Friend, Bob Nelson

Emmanuel and I are so blessed to have known Bob. Our friendship spans over 20 years with Bob visiting India so many times I lost count. IREF was extremely privileged to have such a man of God visit IREF India numerous times.

Emmanuel and I were fortunate to meet with Bob in mid-June this year. It was such a joy to see him one last time before he left us. Bob was such a joyful and sincere man. I will always remember his love and kindness. The entire IREF community mourns the loss of Bob. We are grieving along with his family and friends. Bob's ministry in India touched countless lives. His passion for the Gospel was contagious. India Outreach Ministries, Vern, Bob and so many others involved with IOM helped shape India more than they will ever know.



Bob was a friend and a partner in ministry. He built roads, churches, schools all in the name of Jesus; all for the sake of the Gospel and bringing more into the Heavenly Kingdom. His generosity cannot be calculated or quantified. His kindness and his heart went beyond dollars and cents. It was all about the love of Jesus for Bob. His message centered on Jesus' love for all people - young and old. There are countless stories of Bob's conviction for others to know the immeasurable love of Christ. His heart ached for those who did not know Jesus; his heart rejoiced for those who did. No matter the time and no matter the place, Bob was ready to see another soul saved for the Gospel. We experienced that first hand in India at IREF.

Bob's love and his generosity toward IREF for the sake of the Gospel is the legacy we will always cherish at IREF. While we are sad of his passing, we rejoice in knowing that he is with OUR Lord and Savior - the One Whom Bob loved and lived for each day.

Dee Rebba

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Bob and Prasada Rao dedicating the foundation stone of the Pallapatla Rural Evangelical Church.



Bob and Emmanuel at a village church ground breaking in the early 1990s.



Prasada Rao, Dee, Emmanuel and Bob at the dedication of a village church.

Bingo Nights are Back!

Come join us for a fun interactive night. IREF Bingo Night is an opportunity for you to connect with the IREF community and hear an update of what God is doing in India. Bingo cards are \$1 each. We will play 5-10 rounds of bingo. All the prizes are from India and the proceeds of bingo nights will go to purchase new backpacks for students!



Bingo nights will be in Michigan, Illinois, and Florida. Check below for your local location and date:

Michigan - Wednesday, July 20 from 6-8pm
Lighthouse Community Church
4321 Genessee Rd, Kalamazoo, MI

Florida - Friday, July 29 from 6-8pm
Black Rifle Coffee Shop
510 W John Sims Pkwy, Niceville FL

Illinois - Tuesday, July 26 from 7-9pm
Tala Coffee
428 Green Bay Rd. Highwood, IL

We hope to see you there!!

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