



A Letter from the Chairman

On behalf of the IREF-US board, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas! With the holiday season, comes a variety of emotions. Grief and joy. Hope and despair. Yet, through all of it, we are reminded that God is Emmanuel—God with us. This year at IREF, we have grieved with pastors experiencing persecution, and we have celebrated hundreds of salvations! We have mourned with students as they share their heart-wrenching stories, but we see the joy in their face as they live on the IREF campus.

God's restorative work through IREF is made possible through your faithful support. The IREF board is filled with gratitude for your generosity. Thank you for partnering with IREF and for trusting us with your financial support. As you look below, be encouraged!

As 2023 comes to an end, I'd like to make you aware that IREF has a remaining financial need of nearly \$180,000. Please consider making a one-time year-end donation towards this beautiful ministry. God bless you all. Merry Christmas!

- Chip Moore



WHAT A YEAR IT'S BEEN

See what's possible when we come together to make a **difference**



1,030,000

meals served



840

students housed & educated



72

teachers on campus



7,200

pastors trained



160

full-time pastors



12

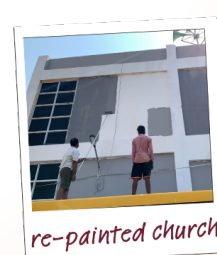
pastors conferences



new church plant



new school roof



re-painted church

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Christmas in Here

Students, teachers, and the Rebba family welcomed the Christmas season by lighting the Christmas star—a beloved tradition at IREF. You'll rarely find a Christmas tree here, but across India, you'll see stars much like this one at churches, Christian ministries, and even the homes of Hindu families. We think it's the perfect way to remember the star that led the wise men to Jesus so many years ago.

The star lighting is only the beginning. In the coming weeks, students and staff will decorate the church with hundreds of lights, bright colors, and much more. At least half of our students will participate in the kids program with songs and dances they've prepared weeks in advance. Everything will culminate with our Christmas service filled with Christmas carols, prayers, a message from Emmanuel, and a gift for every student.

In all the festivities, we keep our eyes on Jesus—the God who became flesh and came from Heaven to Earth. From all of us at IREF, we wish you a Merry Christmas. May you experience Jesus' nearness and love in a special way this season.



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Give a Gift This Season



No matter where you live, you can be part of Christmas at IREF! Our team in India gives each of our 1,000 students a gift, but we can only do this because of people just like you! This Christmas, would you consider purchasing one or more gifts for our students? Each gift costs \$25. With 1,000 students, we need \$25,000 to make sure each student receives a gift. When you donate, you're not just providing a gift. You're being the hands and feet of Jesus and reminding each student that they are loved.

To give a gift, just scan the QR code or visit irefusa.org/christmas. If you'd like to go above and beyond, consider sponsoring a child which allows them to receive life-changing education at IREF and to hear the Good News of Jesus!



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Pray with Us

- Pray for the medical team leaving for India in January.
- Pray for the upcoming gospel meeting in February. We expect between 10-15,000 people to attend!
- Pray for a joyous Christmas season for IREF's children.

Stay Connected

Do you struggle to find us on social media? Due to persecution in India, our Facebook and Instagram pages are private. Join our group or follow us for updates and ways you can pray for the ministry and events occurring in India. Scan the QR code to the right to stay connected.

