



IREF TOGETHER

GLOBAL VIRTUAL EVENT

Saturday, April 13th at 10am CT

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You are invited to join us for our 5th annual IREF Together event on Saturday, April 13 at 10am CT. This online event brings together families and churches from the U.S., U.K., and India as we celebrate all God is doing in and through the ministry of IREF. This year, it's all about the people who make education possible—our incredible teachers.

At IREF, 72 teachers teach students from elementary through college and nursing school, but they are different than most. At government

schools, most teachers are simply there for a job. At IREF, our teachers are more concerned with students right in front of them. To them, teaching is holistic. It looks like helping children understand how to take care of themselves and form good habits as much as they understand their times tables and grammar.

These are the people we will champion! Our goal is to raise \$75,000 through IREF Together to provide each teacher with a competitive salary. Every dollar raised will go directly to the teachers—like Raju...

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Raju experienced a different kind of system when he worked at a government school. Everyone's caste mattered, and the staff was constantly trying to compete with each other. At the same time, none of them seemed too interested in doing more than simply teaching the curriculum. So students who struggled to learn or study fell behind—sometimes too much.

But this isn't how Raju teaches. It's not who he is.

Last year, he saw Rebecca struggle in his class. She was a fine student, but something wasn't quite clicking the way he hoped it would. So, Raju often pulled her aside to encourage her. He suggested she look at the material differently than other students and helped her discover the way she learns best. These days, Rebecca is thriving in the 10th grade! She went from being a fine student to being an excellent one, and nothing makes Raju happier than seeing her growth.

But it's not just Rebecca who has experienced his teacher's heart. When Praveen first came to IREF, he was quiet and a bit lonely. His village is 4-6 hours away, and adjusting to life at the school was tough for him. Raju noticed Praveen's struggles and the way he isolated himself from others. So, he encouraged Praveen to join



activities and to study with others. This year, Praveen is more active and lively than ever before. Others at IREF know him for his reliability and leadership skills—neither of which would have been realized without Raju's intentionality.

A true teacher doesn't just make it through the school year. They look out for the Rebeccas who simply need a different way to learn. They see the struggling Praveens who need someone to make them feel like they belong. We're so grateful for Raju, but more than that, we're grateful that he's just one of 72 teachers who have this kind of impact on students. IREF's students become the incredible men and women they are because of IREF's teachers.



Pastors Conferences



Throughout India, the Church is divided. First, there's the issue of castes that seeks to divide people no matter their religion. Then, there's division among denominations. The former is unique to India; the latter feels universal. Over the last few weeks, churches have invited Emmanuel to speak to hundreds of pastors and Bible Ladies across the region in an effort to unite the Church in India and restore a deep passion for ministry among church leaders.

As people gather in these spaces, they are keenly aware of who's missing. In the last few years, COVID changed some churches drastically. Emmanuel reminds them that although many people throughout India died from the virus, those in the room survived. God isn't done with them yet. Each person alive carries a calling and purpose to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost and

broken world.

If the India of today is going to experience the revival other generations witnessed, it needs pastors who remember this calling. It needs men and women who are filled with the passion of the Holy Spirit, and this is what Emmanuel seeks to remind them. None of us will see the Lord's move in our lives without repenting and remembering the Lord.



In just one week, Emmanuel has traveled to four different meetings—some as far away as six hours. Through the Holy Spirit's anointing, believers are uniting under Christ, renewing their passion for ministry, hearing about the ministry of IREF, and leaving better equipped to serve their people. We are believing in faith that India will see incredible revival as believers link arms and builds the Kingdom of God together.



Engaging Our Communities



At IREF, we believe a faithful fulfillment of God's command to care for the poor, downtrodden, and less fortunate comes from education, evangelism, and engagement. Recently, a few junior college students helped us fulfill this mission by serving a local village. As they cleaned streets, cared for the landscape, and interacted with the villagers, they showed the love of Christ. We believe in the motto of education through service, and this was the perfect way for students to practice this kind of learning.

After reflecting on the experience, one student said, "I want to do the same cleaning projects in my own village and home—planting trees and cleaning my neighborhood to make it a better place." This is exactly what we hope to see and hear from students. Our desire is that our students understand the value of helping others and the blessing it brings to those who serve. Through service projects like this, we hope more students will catch the vision of caring for people through community engagement.



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