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We asked a few students why the Bible classes are so important to them, and here's what they had to say:

Priya, Nursing student: "Being in the Bible class a few years ago was one of the most exciting times of the week. It was what I looked forward to the most. I was learning about and forming my own Christian identity. For the last two years, I have been anticipating IREF restarting its Bible classes, and I was so happy when the announcement was made. God answered my prayers! I can continue my Bible class!"



Ravi, Junior College: "My mom enrolled my older brother and I at IREF when I was in elementary school, so I've grown up here. Bible class was just a part of life at IREF, but because of COVID, I wondered if I would be able to attend. I was thrilled when IREF announced it would hold classes again! These classes will help me develop as a whole. I signed up because I still want to see more change in my own life, and hopefully God can use me in the future for His purpose."

We are so grateful these classes can resume, and we're encouraged by students' joy and excitement for them. Please continue to pray that they will encounter the love of Christ and forever be transformed by the gospel.

Prayer Request From IREF

It's not uncommon for colds to spread on campus around this time of year, but this time, things are different. The climate and weather have changed quickly, creating challenging heat, humidity, and now, viral fevers. These fevers, in years past, created mild symptoms, but this year, students have battled high fevers, nausea, and fatigue. Our team has had to make the difficult decision to send a few dozen students home and a few to the hospital to be treated for dehydration. It's made for a challenging few weeks at IREF, but in all this, we've seen something amazing—nursing students rising to the occasion!



Our nursing students have used their training to provide extra discernment in treating students. As the ones caring directly for those with the viral fevers, they have helped our IREF staff know if a student can recover on campus or should go home or to the hospital. We praise God for the wisdom each of them has shown as they've put their schooling into practice and cared for sick patients. Please pray that the viral fevers will pass quickly and that health will be restored on IREF's campus.

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, ways you can pray for the ministry, and events occurring in India. Scan the QR code to the right to stay connected.



Welcome to IREF

Come with us to India and experience IREF's campus. Although we know a campus tour in the form of photos isn't the same as stepping into classrooms, seeing the smiling faces, smelling the blooming flowers, or hugging a student, we hope this gives you an idea of IREF's ministry scale. If you'd like to take a virtual tour, scan

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India Rural Evangelical Fellowship On our campus, many students experience things like running water, three consistent meals each day, personal safety, and more for the first time in their life. More than that, though, they are met with the love of Jesus Christ through our staff, who is dedicated to caring for each child. Here, students don't just break the cycle of poverty. They experience incredible spiritual growth that can impact the generations.

Thank you for your partnership that allows us to serve, love, and care for nearly 1,000 students on IREF's campus.





Tour the Campus



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