

## India Rural Evangelical Fellowship

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## OUR GOD REWRITES STORIES

For many in India, it seems the story they were born into is the one they are destined to live and die in, and for roughly 129 million people, this story includes poverty—both physical and spiritual. But as a faithful IREF partner, you know transformation is possible, because our God is the One who rewrites our stories for His glory:

For the young woman <del>working in the rice fields</del> earning her nursing degree. For the little boy <del>whose father abuses him</del> being fed, clothed, and loved. For the young couple <del>practicing Hinduism</del> being baptized as followers of Jesus. For the pastor who is <del>discouraged and demoralized</del> being equipped and refreshed to serve the Lord. For the villages <del>trapped in physical and spiritual poverty</del> experiencing true community, support, and transformation.

Even in the face of bleak realities, we have hope. God isn't bound by circumstances, and He is using your partnership to pen a new reality in people's lives!

We are grateful for the ways you have prayed for, encouraged, and financially supported IREF this year. As we approach the end of 2024, would you consider giving a special year end gift to help the ministry of IREF reach even more people with the hope of Jesus Christ?

The needs in rural India are great, and all gifts—large or small—are powerful tools in the hand of a God who does exceedingly more than we could ask or imagine. So, let's join the work He's already doing and help rewrite the stories of those in rural India.

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Every gift makes a **big** difference! 2024 Revenue: \$764,900 \*as of December 1, 2024

**2024 Remaining Need:** \$227,000

Scan the QR code to watch a special message from Dee Rebba.



## A Letter from the Chairman



On behalf of the IREF-US board, I wish you all a Merry Christmas! With the holiday season comes a variety of emotions. Grief and joy. Hope and despair. And yet, through it all 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 94 baptisms! We have mourned with students as they share with us their heart-wrenching stories, and we see the joy in their faces as they live on the IREF campus. Only God can transform lives, and we are thankful you are part of God's work in rewriting the stories of people in rural India. In fact, 218 new 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> students are experiencing their first Christmas at IREF! Please pray for the nearly 1,000 students on campus, the 100+ IREF pastors, and the Rebba family ministering in India.

Thank you for being a part of this beautiful ministry! Are you interested in visiting IREF? We'd love to connect with you. Send us an email at info@irefusa.org. God bless you all. Merry Christmas!

- Chip Moore and the IREF-USA Board





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**It's that time of year again!** Recently, students, teachers, and the Rebba family lit 2 Christmas stars to welcome the Christmas season. Students and staff alike look forward to this season at IREF—one filled with fun traditions like this star lighting, gifts for students, and a Christmas program packed with student performances. More than that, though, Christmas gives the ministry incredible opportunities to share the gospel with students who so desire to be seen, known, and loved. Will you join us in praying that students' hearts remain soft and open to Jesus this Christmas season?



**Last January,** five students from Sawyer Highland Church traveled with their families for IREF's medical mission trip. It's not often that kids join these trips, but every time they do, we are amazed at what God does in and through them. One of the students, Samaya Klint, shared that their time at IREF was more than the games, conversations, and sweet moments shared with their team and the IREF students. While at IREF, God showed her more of who He is and the incredible power of prayer. It's safe to say all five returned changed and with a passion for this ministry.

So, when our team brought Project 5:16 to Sawyer Highland Church, their youth group eagerly jumped in! Over the last few weeks, students and staff have raised \$1,331 which will provide 53 Christmas gifts for IREF's students. Participating in Project 5:16 has been so special for the students who traveled to IREF. Samaya shared that when she gives toward Project 5:16, she vividly pictures the faces of her friends in India, but it's extra special to see others give simply to show Christ's love to kids they may never meet. We are so grateful to Sawyer Highland Church and the many other youth groups who are helping to give Christmas gifts to our IREF students.



## Want to Help Make This Christmas Special?

You can help provide a Christmas gift for IREF students! Currently, we've raised \$11,294, enough to provide gifts for 451 students, but with 900 students on campus, the need is still great. If you'd like to give, just visit irefusa.org/christmas.



*Remaining Need* \$25 × 449 students = \$11,225

Merry Christmas

