



2025 Youth Conference

This January, IREF's Youth Conference inspired students with a theme from Ezekiel 36:26: "God will give us a new heart." Emmanuel and John Rebba shared powerful messages, joined by guest speaker Tre Moore from the U.S. team, encouraging attendees to exchange their heart of stone for a heart of flesh.

The students enjoyed not only the spiritual teachings but also moments of fun and fellowship. Delicious meals, including chicken curry, a Bible quiz, and a singing competition, made the event engaging and memorable!

The conference ended on a meaningful note as 10 students took the bold step of baptism, publicly declaring their faith in Jesus Christ. Among them was Emmanuel Rebba's granddaughter, Liette! We praise God for the incredible work He is doing in the lives of these young people and look forward to seeing how they will carry the message of Ezekiel 36:26 into their villages and beyond.



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Ranga's Conviction and Faith



Each year, the highlight of the IREF Youth Conference is the baptism service, where the Spirit's transformative work is visible. This year, as the baptism announcement was being made, a young boy named Ranga interrupted the moment. In front of more

than 1,000 attendees, with tears streaming down his face, he shared his heartfelt desire to be baptized. Though the student leaders had initially deemed him too young, Ranga courageously expressed his deep

conviction and commitment to Christ, moving everyone present.

After hearing his testimony of conversion and his longing to follow Jesus, Dee Rebba decided to allow Ranga to be baptized. It was a powerful reminder of how God works in hearts of all ages. We praise God for Ranga's bold faith and pray that he will grow in his faith and become a mighty instrument for God's kingdom.



A Change Coming in 2025

In an effort to save money, IREF's newsletter will move from a monthly updated to a quarterly update. You can still expect wonderful stories and photos in our newsletter, and if you would like to receive more regular updates, we encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram. On these platforms, we share updates from India every week to keep you informed.





Our Medical Team is in India!

Team members were overwhelmed by the childrens' joy and excitement as they welcomed our team. There's nothing quite like walking onto IREF's campus to the cheers and delight of nearly 1,000 students.

The next day, the medical team jumped right into their work, hosting a village clinic in Lankevanidibba village—a poor village near the Bay of Bengal. In the words of Emmanuel Rebba, this village is at the end of the world, with nothing beyond it but the sea. Here, our team served young, weary men and women. In fact, they were surprised by how young everyone was.

While providing care, they met a young woman named Ammulu. Ammulu is just 15 years old, but she's six months pregnant with her second child. As they interacted with her, they couldn't help but notice her heaviness. After the clinic finished, our team visited her home—sticks with a tarp surrounding it—and while there, they understood her heaviness a bit more. Her reality is incredibly harsh, and her future is uncertain. In her village, very few people live beyond 50 years. Unfortunately, Ammulu's reality is not unique.



Throughout their time at IREF, our medical team served IREF students and villagers alike. They reached a marginalized community only accessible by ferry where they served nearly 200 patients. These villagers have no access to optometrists or dentists. Many villagers were relieved of intense tooth pain and many villagers experienced their first eye exam.



Patients left the clinic with radiant smiles, new glasses, and medication for colds, headaches, and pain. As challenging as the work can be, it's a joy to be a small blessing to such a beautiful community.

IREF exists for young women like Ammulu and her children. We are here to serve villagers who can only be reached by ferry, those who have never received basic medical care. IREF exist to care for their physical needs—medical, dental, eye, and pharmaceutical care—but more than that, we exist to care for their souls. Sometimes we can't change their reality, but we can introduce them to the God who knows them, sees them, loves them, and provides life to the fullest. We thank God for the chance to serve Ammulu's village, IREF students, and those in remote areas, and we continue to pray for more opportunities to share the love of Jesus there and far beyond.

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Mark your calendars and join us for IREF Together, **April 5, 2025 at 10am CST**. This event has been a special one for the IREF family as our global partners can join from wherever they are and celebrate what God has done in through this ministry. This year, though, IREF Together do something it's never done before—bring the ministry to our youngest partners!

We know how difficult it can be to introduce missions and the ministry of IREF to children, and we'd love to help. IREF Together 2025 will include special segments we hope will delight and teach even the youngest among us. So, invite your kids and grandkids to join you for IREF Together and let's watch God ignite a passion for missions in us all!