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Capping and Lighting Ceremony of the Nursing Students:

The Capping ceremony of the current class of nursing students of IREF's Nursing Institute, was held July 15, 2008 at the Gospel Fields Campus. Chief Guest Dr. Ratnakumari, Superintendent of Govt. Hospital, Avanigadda exhorted the nursing students to serve the rural people in a spirit of sacrifice. She said that sisters of the nursing profession are held in high regard in the society, especially those serving in villages without hospitals or other medical help.

Emmanuel Rebba, who presided over the function, spoke of the major responsibility entrusted to them in taking care of the patients; He also spoke of the many employment opportunities available in nursing profession.

We wanted to make a special mention of nursing graduate, Indira Priyadarshini who first came to IREF as a 5-year-old child. She completed her entire education here, from primary, to Repalle Christian Junior College, to the Nursing Institute. She will be serving the people as a nurse soon.

Later, holding the lighted candles, the students took the Nightingale pledge, seeking to devote their lives for the welfare of the people committed to their care and then sang a song in dedication of their lives to serving society.



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Bibles to Children at the IREF Campus

IREF children are nurtured in a spiritual atmosphere at the Gospel Fields Campus, where Jesus Christ is central to all their activities. Upon enrollment the children are presented with a Bible or New Testament in the Telugu language, depending on their age. They read their Bibles every day before devotion and prayer.

In the early morning, children participate in devotions, with songs and prayer. Breakfast is at 7:30, then it's off to school. The children break for lunch at 12:30, then finish out the school day. After school, there is time for play and homework and dinner. Again in the evenings there are devotions and prayers before going to bed.

It is good to provide food, clothing, shelter, and a solid education. But what a privilege it is to also give them something vastly more vital and sustaining! Pray that they understand and take the truth of scripture to heart, and lead lives marked by Christ's love.

Prayer & Praise

PLEASE PRAY:

- For the gospel to continue to go forward by all efforts of IREF, whether through gospel meetings, or educating youth, or emergency relief. May all good works bear fruit and point to the love and supremacy of our Lord.
- For the new staff that have arrived to work in Repalle, that they would adjust well to their new positions and their surroundings.
- For additional people to come to work for IREF in various support positions.

Ground Breaking Ceremony for Rural Evangelical Church of NAGARAM

Ground breaking on July 13 was a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing for the members of the Rural Evangelical Church of NAGARAM village. First Baptist Church of Cadillac, whom IREF thanks gratefully, funded construction of a permanent building on the site.

The congregation is happy they now have a holy place to worship the Lord and conduct prayer meetings and Sunday school for the children; also the women will be able to come together there for Bible meetings.



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