



LIGHTHOUSE MISSIONS & OUTREACH

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*Lighthouse Community Church will KNOW GOD and SHOW GOD
by connecting people to GOD, COMMUNITY & PURPOSE.*

Lighthouse is about connection.

We are excited to bring monthly focus to a Lighthouse partnering missionary or ministry for connection that will enable us to pray specific prayers with greater passion and serve with greater impact.

Although we give monthly attention to an individual missionary or ministry, in May we focus on missions at Lighthouse as a whole. We enjoy mission emphasis speakers, share our mission support budget for the coming fiscal year and ask you to pray about your response to God's mission in the world (locally and globally), His mission of seeking and saving the lost. God may be calling you to respond in new ways. Maybe to serve with a team going on an international mission trip, when Lighthouse is able to take those trips again, or to volunteer with a local ministry. Possibly He would stretch your faith and ask you to pledge and give financial support in Faith Promise giving to missions, above and beyond your tithe. All we ask is that you pray seeking God's leading, and then be obedient.

Mission Sundays Speaking Schedule

May 9 - Pastor Doug

May 16 - CJ Ward, Former Lighthouse Youth Pastor & Teaching Pastor at The Fold Church Plant, Greenville, SC

May 23 - Tre Moore, National Director, India Rural Evangelical Fellowship - USA



IREF - India Rural Evangelical Fellowship

IREF's mission is to break the cycle of poverty that exists in South India by educating the hearts and minds of impoverished boys and girls to become the agents of change in their community. Through this mission, IREF feels it is being faithful to God's command to care for the poor, downtrodden and less fortunate.

IREF is in need of our consistent and fervent prayers during these days when COVID has had such a disruptive affect on their ministry. Tre Moore shares the following: IREF has always valued transparency in communicating prayer needs to our IREF family and partners. Over the past few weeks, COVID has broken out across India like never before. To date, there are higher rates of infection and death than ever. Last year, at the height of the first wave, India averaged 90,000 daily-COVID cases. In the past week, the country has averaged 250,000 cases per day. That's a quarter million cases EVERY DAY! Just a few days ago, the Indian government mandated all schools be closed down for the second time since the beginning of this pandemic. In the wake of this news, the IREF students have been sent home to their villages to shelter in place, leaving only the 10th grade and colleges students on our campus. This has been challenging for the IREF staff and leadership as we love our students and we know that they are returning to difficult, in some cases dangerous, home situations.

IREF is experiencing the devastation of COVID in a very personal way as well. It is with a heavy heart that we share of the passing of Francis Rebba on April 16, 2021. Francis was the beloved brother of IREF President, Emmanuel Rebba and he was the father of Lydia, the Principal of our Nursing College. Francis was relatively young - in his late 50's when he passed. He was a vital part of IREF and he was known as someone who lived to serve. This is the second brother that Emmanuel has lost in the past six months.

Emmanuel's other brother, Jyer (pronounced 'higher') Paul is currently hospitalized with COVID and he is in critical condition. Francis' daughter Lydia was hospitalized with COVID, but she has made a full recovery. The COVID crisis in India is real. Our ministry needs prayer at this time.

- ✦ Pray for Emmanuel Rebba as he mourns losing two brothers in the past 6 months.
- ✦ Pray for Jyer Paul and Lydia Rebba as they battle COVID.
- ✦ Pray for the IREF students as they return to their villages. We have ensured that they have made it home safely, but many of the students come from abusive families. For children between 6-9 grade, it is likely that their parents will force them into the fields to help earn money for the family. Please, please pray for these precious children.
- ✦ Pray for our staff. They are discouraged. The pastors are discouraged because we have closed churches due to the coronavirus outbreak and the teachers are discouraged because the students were forced to return home.

