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Often IREF takes in kids who have no one or who feel like they have no one—no one who quite understands their faith, no one who truly cares for them. Sometimes, we welcome true orphans—kids who might have a story like Joseph.

Joseph grew up near Hyderabad, and as a young boy he lost both of his parents. With no family to care for him, Joseph has lived with two separate pastors—one in Hyderabad who died of COVID and one in Gunter.

Joseph's story is filled with one heartache after another, and his pain is so obvious. As he told his story, he did not hold back his tears. So many kids with painful stories do that; they mask the pain. Not Joseph. Dee pulled him close to herself, touching his arm slightly as she told us, "He is a strong boy."

Joseph *i*s an incredibly strong boy with a very painful reality. As Dee told us, he has no one in his life, but at IREF, he has friends who make him laugh, teachers who care for him, the Rebba family who will fight for him, and a church that pours into him.

Someday, Joseph hopes to be an evangelist. This boy who once had no one will welcome people all over India into the Kingdom, into the family of God.

## **Your Impact**

It's hard not to feel overwhelmed as we put ourselves in Joseph's shoes, but because of your generosity, students like him find love, belonging, and the hope of Jesus Christ at IREF. And this is no small thing! Thank you for partnering with us through prayer, financial support, and many other ways. You are helping transform lives!



**Champion Students Like Joseph** 

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