

Report to the Cambodian Evangelical Church Annual Conference

International Fellowship of Christ, Long Beach, California
July, 2001 Memphis, Tennessee

International Fellowship of Christ held its first meeting on August 16, 1998. We are an English language second-generation church—an offshoot of the youth department at Bethlehem CEC. Our worship is held every Sunday afternoon at Long Beach Alliance Church.

At the inception of our church in 1998 we called Bob Buchanan as our first pastor. He had been serving as CEC missionary and had a long career in youth work and as pastor. He and his wife Nancy served at IFC for just over two years. Bob resigned in December 2000 and they moved to Arizona.

Currently we have only about 15 average Sunday worship attendance and attendance at our Friday night youth meeting is hovering around 20. Those are down a bit from earlier in the year when our high attendances were around 25 and 40 respectively. In the past 3 years since our founding we have baptized ten youth.

Some of our programs and activities have included the following:

- Friday night youth meeting
- Weekly girls Bible study
- Weekly home prayer meeting
- One-on-one and group discipleship
- Music program—learning guitar for worship
- Extensive web page with info on our beginnings, photos, leader info, and links: <http://surf.to/ifc>
- Since February, chairman Jim Kaufman has been preaching through Romans, giving the church a good grounding in the gospel.
- Other leaders include Ken Kong, who is attending the Conference along with Jim, Sophath Kong who just returned from a mission trip to Cambodia, Leakana Chan, Kuntheary Sourn and Chhorn May Chau.
- Served homeless at the Long Beach Rescue mission
- IFC supports several missionaries

Our obstacles and prayer requests include

- Lack of clear mission/strategies
- Organization and teamwork of leadership
- Discouragement—some have fallen away
- Not connecting with other CEC churches/programs
- Lack of family/elder support
- Need for additional training in Bible and ministry

We thank our District Superintendent and the entire Cambodian district for their confidence in us.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM KAUFMAN, Chairman
International Fellowship of Christ