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# International Churches of Christ

Preliminary Report for 2003 Sorted by Geographic Area and Church Age

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## Preface to the 2003 Preliminary Report

This is the first in a series of statistical reports we will be making available to churches and church leaders who wish to participate in this voluntary, unofficial project to record our progress, as a fellowship, towards the challenging goal of reaching every corner of the globe with the gospel.

This report is preliminary: so far, we have received information on church membership at the end of 2003 for 51 churches. These churches are not representative of all the churches that comprised our fellowship at the end of 2003, but it's a start. As more churches participate, we will issue updated reports.

Despite the turmoil of 2003, several churches in our fellowship continued growing. Churches in India (Ranchi), Macau, South Africa (Cape Town), Taiwan, the United States (Seattle and Fayetteville), and a number of underground churches grew in a difficult year. Anecdotal evidence indicates many churches will report a resumption of growth in 2004.

Please keep the following in mind as you read this report:

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**Safety** In consideration of the special security needs of underground churches, I have simply numbered these churches. I will provide the key only to those individuals who supplied the original information.

**2004 Stats** I will issue an interim report of church membership at the end of April, 2004. This report will not be posted on the [www.icocstats.org](http://www.icocstats.org) website. It will only be made available to participating churches.

**Disclaimer** This report and the [www.icocstats.org](http://www.icocstats.org) website are not official publications of the ICOC or any of her affiliated churches. That said, I do not approach this task as a neutral observer: I am unabashedly supportive of our fellowship of churches, and hope to be able to share encouraging news of growing churches in the days ahead.

Yours in His Service,

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| CONGREGATION           | Year Started | Disciples End 2002 | Disciples End 2003 | Additions (Losses) | Percent Change |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| *****                  |              |                    |                    |                    |                |
| 1                      | ***          | ***                | ***                | (***)              | -*/%           |
| 2                      | ***          | ***                | ***                | **                 | *0%            |
| 3                      | ***          | **                 | **                 | *                  | **0%           |
| <b>Subtotal,</b> ***** |              | *,***              | *,***              | (***)              | -*/%           |
| *****                  |              |                    |                    |                    |                |
| 4                      | ***          | ***                | ***                | (**)               | -*/%           |
| 5                      | ***          | ***                | ***                | (***)              | -*/%           |
| 6                      | ***          | *,***              | *,***              | (***)              | -*/%           |
| 7                      | ***          | ***                | ***                | (**)               | -*/%           |
| 8                      | ***          | ***                | ***                | (**)               | -*/%           |
| 9                      | ***          | ***                | **                 | (*)                | -*/%           |
| 10                     | ***          | ***                | ***                | (**)               | -*/%           |
| 11                     | ***          | ***                | ***                | (*)                | -*/%           |
| 12                     | ***          | **                 | **                 | (*)                | -*/%           |
| 13                     | ***          | ***                | ***                | (**)               | -*/%           |
| 14                     | ***          | **                 | **                 | (*)                | -*/%           |
| 15                     | ***          | **                 | **                 | *                  | *0%            |
| 16                     | ***          | ***                | ***                | (**)               | -*/%           |
| 17                     | ***          | **                 | **                 | (*)                | -*/%           |
| 18                     | ***          | **                 | **                 | (**)               | -*/%           |
| 19                     | ***          | **                 | **                 | (*)                | -*/%           |
| 20                     | ***          | *,***              | *,***              | (**)               | -*/%           |
| <b>Subtotal,</b> ***** |              | *,***              | *,***              | (***)              | -*/%           |
| *****                  |              |                    |                    |                    |                |
| 21                     | ***          | *,***              | ***                | (***)              | -*/%           |
| *****                  |              |                    |                    |                    |                |
| 22                     | ***          | **                 | **                 | (*)                | -*/%           |
| 23                     | ***          | **                 | **                 | (*)                | -*/%           |
| <b>Subtotal,</b> ***** |              | ***                | **                 | (**)               | -*/%           |
| *****                  |              |                    |                    |                    |                |
| 24                     | ***          | **                 | **                 | (*)                | -*/%           |
| *****                  |              |                    |                    |                    |                |
| 25                     | ***          | ***                | ***                | **                 | *0%            |
| *****                  |              |                    |                    |                    |                |
| 26                     | ***          | ***                | ***                | (**)               | -*/%           |
| 27                     | ***          | ***                | ***                | (***)              | -*/%           |
| 28                     | ***          | ***                | ***                | *                  | *0%            |
| 29                     | ***          | **                 | **                 | (*)                | -*/%           |
| 30                     | ***          | **                 | **                 | *                  | **0%           |
| <b>Subtotal,</b> ***** |              | *,***              | *,***              | (***)              | -*/%           |

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|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| *****                  |              |                    |                    |                    |                |
| 31                     | *****        | ***                | ***                | **                 | *%             |
| 32                     | *****        | **                 | **                 | *                  | *%             |
| 33                     | *****        | ***                | ***                | *                  | *%             |
| 34                     | *****        | **                 | **                 | (*)                | _*%            |
| 35                     | *****        | **                 | **                 | (**)               | _*%0           |
| 36                     | *****        | **                 | **                 | (*)                | _*%0           |
| 37                     | *****        | **                 | **                 | (*)                | _*%0           |
| 38                     | *****        | **                 | **                 | **                 | **%0           |
| 39                     | *****        | **                 | **                 | (*)                | _*%            |
| 40                     | *****        | **                 | **                 | (*)                | _*%            |
| 41                     | *****        | *                  | *                  | *                  | **%0           |
| 42                     | *****        | **                 | **                 | (*)                | _*%0           |
| 43                     | *****        | **                 | **                 | (*)                | _*%            |
| 44                     | *****        | *                  | **                 | *                  | **%0           |
| 45                     | *****        | **                 | **                 | (*)                | _*%0           |
| 46                     | *****        | **                 | **                 | *                  | **%0           |
| 47                     | *****        | **                 | **                 | *                  | *%             |
| 48                     | *****        | *                  | **                 | *                  | **%0           |
| 49                     | *****        | -                  | *                  | *                  | n/a            |
| 50                     | *****        | -                  | **                 | **                 | n/a            |
| 51                     | *****        | -                  | **                 | **                 | n/a            |
| <b>Subtotal, *****</b> |              | ***                | ***                | **                 | *%             |

### SUMMARY

|              |       |       |        |      |
|--------------|-------|-------|--------|------|
| *****        | *,**  | *,**  | (***)  | _*%  |
| *****        | *,**  | *,**  | (***)  | _*%0 |
| ***** *****  | *,**  | **    | (***)  | _*%0 |
| *** *****    | **    | **    | (**)   | _*%0 |
| ***** *****  | **    | **    | (*)    | _*%  |
| *****        | **    | **    | **     | *%   |
| *** *****    | *,**  | *,**  | (***)  | _*%0 |
| *****        | **    | **    | **     | *%   |
| <b>Total</b> | **,** | **,** | (*,**) | _*%0 |

### 10 GROWING CHURCHES

|                       |     |    |    |    |      |
|-----------------------|-----|----|----|----|------|
| ***** ,*****          | *** | ** | ** | ** | *%   |
| ***** **              | *** | -  | ** | ** | n/a  |
| ***** **              | *** | ** | ** | ** | **%0 |
| **** ***, ***** ***** | *** | ** | ** | ** | *%   |
| ***** **              | *** | -  | ** | ** | n/a  |
| ***** *               | *** | ** | ** | ** | *%   |
| ***** *               | *** | ** | ** | ** | *%   |
| ***** **              | *** | *  | ** | *  | **%0 |
| ***** ,***** *****    | *** | ** | ** | *  | **%0 |
| ***** ,*****          | *** | ** | ** | *  | *%   |

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