

# International Assembly of God

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Age often allows for ease in success and such is the case for International Assembly of God, Arizona's first church for the East Indian community in Arizona. IAG has served the Valley since 1997 with the vision of Pastor Roy Cheriyan, who was called into ministry in Arizona while studying in Bible college in Chicago, Illinois.

The church had its modest beginnings in a Sunday school classroom at Living Water of the Valley church for the initial five years. As expansion led to a need for a larger building, IAG rented a storefront in Tempe and began to grow exponentially. However, after three years, the church felt it could no longer continue to restrain the budding church to the small confines of the storefront. God opened up the possibility of sharing a church building with Sunrise Assembly of God in Gilbert. With this move, the church spent three marvelous years as the church grew in population, structure and worship.

In the three years at Sunrise, the church brought to the Lord and baptized a number of individuals, redefined its Sunday school program, established cell groups that meet throughout the week, continued its focus on strong Spirit-led worship, and developed the youth and children to become acclaimed as a successful group in their church-related activities within the state,

regionally and nationally. The church now numbers at almost 40 families. International AG also began planning for extensions in Las Vegas, the western Phoenix area and Tucson. The Las Vegas ministry was implemented this year and it is blessing the South Indians there.

As the church's vision grew, so did its desire for a building to call its own. For some time, the church had been raising money and actively searching for an ideal place of worship. A wonderful opportunity came through an existing church building just up the road. IAG bought an older building for \$440,000, which has ample room for a growing body, but the building needs renovation. IAG's members, mainly comprised of immigrants who have come from India in the last couple of years, have sacrificially donated \$150,000 for the down payment and initial costs for the building. The church needs another \$75,000 for multiple items of construction, furniture and other utilities within the building, as well as the paving of the parking lot.

Please partner with IAG as it desires to reach the Indian community better with its own church building. Send your tax deductible contribution to International Assembly of God at PO Box 2465, Chandler, AZ 85244. God bless you as you bless International Assembly of God.