

## **Evangelical Fellowship of Thailand (E.F.T.)**

The E.F.T. is an umbrella organization of evangelical Protestant churches that originated out of an informal body of missionaries, meeting under the name of the "Evangelical Fellowship" sometime before 1956. In 1969, the fellowship created a more formal structure and changed its name to the E.F.T. The Thai government, in September 1969, recognized it as one of the five legal Christian religious bodies that have permission to accept missionaries. In practice, the E.F.T. functions as a "congress" of missions, independent churches, and groups of churches. The *Thailand Christian Directory* for 2003 lists 37 missions and groups of churches as members of the E.F.T.