

Title: Perception of Christian Parents in Nurturing Children Spiritually Among Kachin Community

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ABSTRACT

This study is about Perceptions of Christian Parents in Nurturing Children among Kachin Community. The study will focus on Kachin Christian parents from three different churches in Myitkyina, Kachin state, Myanmar. The study has discovered how Kachin Christian parents is nurturing their children's spirituality how they understand the Christian way of parenting, and how that understanding affects how they parent their children by interviewing the twenty-three participants.

The idea of "nurturing the children spiritually" is very familiar to Kachin Christian parents, but practicing this in real life with understanding is more essential than simply knowing the method and being familiar with the idea. So, this study gives a description of how the participants actually practice this nurturing in real life and their perception of nurturing their children by analyzing the data issues on it. And then, this study aims to help, not only Kachin Christian parents, but also church leaders--pastors, ministers and Sunday school teachers--within the Kachin community to make sense of how to properly nurture children spiritually.

This study is divided into five chapters. Chapter one is an introduction and answers the question, “How did I come to this topic?” It also discusses the central research issue, its setting, and why spirituality is so important in the family. Chapter two gives a literature review, the historical background of the Kachin People, what they believed, how they became Christian, their understanding about God and Christian parenting, and how Kachin Christian parents have nurtured their children until now.

Chapter three discusses the methodology: how I went about scheduling and making the timeline for each interview, how I prepared the questions for my participants, the process of collecting data by using in-depth interviews, preparing the collected data for analysis, and the method of analysis. Then, chapter four presents the results of my research, i.e. parents’ understandings of the church’s role in nurturing children, parents' roles in nurturing their children, as well as parents' spiritual approach to nurturing their children.

As a final part, chapter five will present the suggestion/ implication for Kachin community and my church members, the ministers, the pastors and Sunday school teachers from Kachin churches and to the readers of this study. And then, the study will conclude with encouragement to realize how to develop in nurturing the children spiritually in daily life activities.