

Chapter V

SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This chapter discusses the summary of the research process, the findings from the data gathered, the conclusions made by the researchers from the findings, and the recommendations.

Summary

The aim of the study was to determine the life situation and social interaction of the selected families of scavengers.

Specifically, the study sought to answer the following problems:

1. What is the demographic profile of the selected family of respondents according to:
 - a. Name
 - b. Age
 - c. Gender
 - d. Civil status
 - e. Educational Attainment
 - f. Place of Birth / Origin
2. What are their life situations as indicated in the following dimensions:
 - a. Daily Routine

- b. Work Condition
 - c. Financial Condition or Coping
 - d. Values
 - e. Life Aspirations
3. What is the social interaction profile of the respondents between and among the scavenger families?

Findings

1. On the demographic profile of selected family of scavengers in terms of age, the parents age ranges from 20 years old to 30 years old and 40 years old to 50 years old while their children's age ranges from 6 years old to 10 years old, 18 years old to 20 years old and 21 to 30 years old. In terms of gender, most of their children are male. On the educational attainment, some of the parents had accomplished Grade 1 to Grade 3, but one of the mothers had reached first year high school. Most of their children had finished their studies and some are on-going schooling.
2. Most parents are migrants from the province. Both father and mother have some education. Their average number of children is four with a range from four to seven. Most of their children are studying at a grade school while others are working as scavengers. They work as early as 6 o'clock in the morning up to 7 o'clock in the

evening. After they had collected all the recyclable materials from the dumpsite, they sell their wastes at the junk shops. If the family does not have anything to eat, they just go the dumpsite and spend few hours there to have instant meal for the day.

3. Most of the respondents say that they have smooth relationship within their community, vicinity and neighborhood. During small fights, they immediately fix it and understand one another.

Conclusions

The researchers conclude the following points during their research period:

1. The respondents of the research try their luck in the city and scavenging is the main convenient choice. They can earn money in a few minutes away from their home from the whole range of recyclable materials that sustain their household needs.
2. This situation of their life is one of the root causes why they lose hope and forget about their dreams and aspirations when they were still young.
3. They maintain a good and mutual relationship within the community they belong and most especially, they have a good family relationship.

Recommendations

In the light of the foregoing data, the researchers offer the following recommendations.

This study served as preliminary information for further studies with regards to the scavengers.

1. It is recommended that the future researchers try to look in the individual personality of the participants.
2. It is recommended that future researchers use other different type of data gathering for further information on different aspect of validity.
3. It is recommended that Lasallians strengthen the action to eliminate forms of human suffering that contradict the God's plan for man by granting more scholarship programs for those out of school youth.