

ABSTRACT

My IS (Independent Study) is about an effective approach to teaching leaders of the children in Tachileik (Eastern Shan State of Myanmar) on Christian Education. By studying this we can see what is going on at the area of Christian Education in my orphanage. In the orphanage, it needs good understanding of effective teaching on Christian Education. Understanding about the effective teaching will bring the leaders of the children able to teach in effective way and to understand what the effective Christian Education is. Christian Education involves physical, mental and spiritual aspects such as nurture, instruction, teaching, growth, faith development, moral development and transformation etc. Effective teaching is committed to working with the children in love to help them and to become deeply mature children and followers of Jesus who are maturing as Christians.

There are five chapters in this study. Chapter one includes the story of my life and the situation of my orphanage in which some teaching styles are not appropriate for the children. This Chapter mentions the reason why I study about Christian Education, the purpose of my research for this study, and my expectations of my research in the future: to train leaders at orphanages, and parents in churches to become good Christian educators in their own ministry.

Chapter two is an analysis of the collected information in which the meaning of Christian Education and its importance is discussed. This chapter includes different understanding of Christian education from different leaders at orphanage. We can learn from their different understanding. On their own understanding, I put the main purpose of Christian education to be effective leaders of the children. First, it is to be a good example of life for children and others. Second, it is to grow the fruit of the

spirit. Third, it is to be mature leaders. This chapter includes the need of spiritual formation for leaders and some interview with some of the children at the orphanage in order to gain effective teaching for leaders. Finally, we can understand the importance of Christian education.

Chapter three is a study about biblical foundation of Christian education. The basic Christian education is based on the biblical foundation which involves the spiritual formation. It includes authentic relationship with God. Christian education started from the ancient people of God in which parents are educators to children Deuteronomy 6. This chapter mentions aspect of Christian education from Old Testament and New Testament. Theological foundation of Christian Education expresses the key creeds or beliefs of Christianity. Some effective ways to do Christian educational ministry for children are personal counseling, small group Bible study, and children camp. These are helpful in our effective taking care of children.

Chapter four includes possible ways of actions as an effective approach of teaching the leaders of the orphanage such as training of the leaders, parents, and Bible school's students about Christian education and discipleship. By giving training, leaders will improve their tasks on taking care of children. Christian education training will help Christian leaders to have essential skills and techniques. Trainings will give good knowledge of Christian education to Christian leaders. In this way, it will become effective teaching and effective Christian leaders. Chapter five is a conclusion.