

ABSTRACT

This research was purposely conducted to know and understand how Protestantism came to Loo Valley, a barangay in Buguias, Benguet, located in the northern part of Luzon. This research sought to contribute to the basic informative needs of local churches in Loo, Buguias with regards to the beginning and development of the Protestant denominations from the 1950s to 2005. Since the Church of the Nazarene and the Lutheran Church were the earliest denominations to have reached the area, they were given a detailed discussion as to how they have reached the setting, and how they came in clash with the cultural norms and practices in the setting. Other denominations dealt with are the Fig Tree Christian Fellowship (affiliated with the Philippine Evangelical Holiness Church), Happy Family Overseas Ministries, Loo Valley Christian Assembly and Free Believers in Christ Fellowship.

This research partly described and interpreted the people's worldview and how these Protestant denominations responded to it. The research adds material for evaluation and reference relevant to future plans of local missions and outreaches to places similar to this animistic area in the country.

Research methods used were basically historical, including oral interviews and available written materials.

This research builds a foundational work that will help keep the events in the past history of the Protestant churches here studied. The results of the data described, analyzed and interpreted allow readers to carefully consider necessary methods and means that may be adapted and applied to current outreaches, both local and abroad.