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The objectives of this research were first, to study the level of social relationship, four brahmaviharas, perception of job characteristics and happiness in work of community development volunteers. Second, to compared happiness of community development volunteers by personal factors. Third, to study the relationship between social relationship and happiness of community development volunteers. Fourth, to studied the relationship between four brahmaviharas and happiness in work of community development volunteers. And fifth, to studied the relationship between perception of job characteristics and happiness in work of community development volunteers.

The samples used in this research were 574 community development volunteers in Nonthaburi province area. The data were collected by questionnaires and analyzed by a statistical package program. The statistical methods used for analysis were percentage, mean, standard deviation, t-test, F-test, Least Significant Difference, Pearson's Product Moment Correlation Coefficient. The statistical significance was set at .05 and .01 level of confidence.

The result of this research indicated that first, social relationship, four brahmaviharas, perception of job characteristics and happiness in work of community development volunteers were at the high level. Second, the community development volunteers who had different personal factors such as age, marital status, level of education, occupation, income per month, area of operation, period of community development volunteers, membership in community group have different happiness in work with statistical significance at .01 level. Third, social relationship has positively related to happiness in work of community development volunteers with statistical significance at .01 level. Fourth, four brahmaviharas have positively related to happiness in work of community development volunteers with statistical significance at .01 level. And fifth, perception of job characteristics have positively related to happiness in work of community development volunteers with statistical significance at .01 level.

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