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SIRORAT CHOTIKASATID : RELIGIOUS BEHAVIOR PERCEPTION AND PREVENTIVE BEHAVIOR ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BETWEEN BUDDHIST AND MUSLIM WOMEN : CASE STUDY IN RANONG PROVINCE. THESIS ADVISORS : SOMPORN TRIAMCHAISRI, Ph.D. CHANINAT VAROTHAI, Dr.P.H. PHITAYA CHARUPOONPHOL, M.D. 216 p. ISBN 974-662-912-3

The purpose of this survey research was to compare family characteristics, religious behavior, perception and preventive behavior on domestic violence between Buddhist and Muslim married women. The sample consisted of 230 Buddhist married women, and 110 Muslim married women, age 15-44 years old and living with their partners in Ranong province. Samples were selected by two techniques : simple random sampling and accidental sampling. Data was collected during 11th January 1999 to 15th February 1999. The instruments for this study were questionnaires which assessed many aspects of personal and religious behavior, perception of domestic violence prevention, preventive behavior on domestic violence and domestic violence. Data analysis included frequency, percentage, mean, standard deviation, chi-square, t-test and analysis of co-variance (ANCOVA).

The results of the study showed that the family characteristics, the roles of the wives and domestic violence were statistically significantly different between Buddhist women and Muslim women ($p\text{-value} < 0.05$), whereas the roles of the husbands, perception and preventive behavior on domestic violence were not statistically significantly different. When family characteristics, religious behavior, perception and preventive behavior on domestic violence were controlled for, it was found that religion was significantly related to domestic violence ($p\text{-value} < 0.05$).

It is suggested that public health nurses should be able to provide knowledge on domestic violence and should provide counselling for people in order to prevent domestic violence. This will help spouses in preventing domestic violence for the family well being.