The Effectiveness of Donated Generators on Saipan after Typhoon Soudelor

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The topic I chose for the research project is the Effectiveness of Generators after Typhoon Soudelor. I was looking into those that actually benefited from water restoration by the help of the government providing generators around the island of Saipan for water pumps. The topic caught my attention because I get to do research on individuals and their experience after the typhoon, as well as their opinions on whether or not the government had helped them restore water, being the most important. Surveys were distributed to random Northern Marians College students, questionnaires to hardware store workers, and observations were taken around the island. While doing this research project, the most difficult was trying to interview people. For future references on this topic, it should be further looked into when gathering information.

The method I have chosen working on a research paper was most interesting. The essays we have done had benefited me to build up a research paper. Each essay I have written gave me ideas on creating my research paper and was very helpful. It was challenging at first working with this research paper, having to do further research into my topic, yet I got the hang of it collecting my data to build my essays. The most challenging assignment during this research project was interviewing the people I intended to interview. After making scheduled interviews that never got back to me, I’ve decided to make questionnaires instead. It was a last minute change, but it was something I could work with. My strengths in this research paper are probably putting together my information to form my essay, and my weakness was on collecting the data. I found it challenging to collect the data needed for my research paper. Though I planned out everything I needed to get done to build my essay, it did not always work out the way I wanted it to. I feel like I could have done more and collected more information than what I have already gathered yet I had problems with the time I needed to put into this research project. Every day did not go as planned, many things I had to get done distracted me from the time I needed to spend specifically for my research paper. Although this research project was the most challenging for me, it was very much enjoyable and very interesting. It was my first time to go out to do observations, interviews or questionnaires, and surveys too build a research paper. It was also my first time to write essays in APA format.

Overall the experience of writing a research paper was an interesting journey throughout the semester, yet a lot of work. It always challenged me, but I was in the process of learning to do new things along the way. I would suggest this research project for future students to work on if there was more time that could be spent on it. If anything, I needed more time to build this project. The most helpful throughout this experience was getting to learn how to write academic essays, something I am still learning to do.