

TO: Mr. Chester Brown COP/IVS Vientiane July 31, 1967  
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Returned to Muong Nane from the training course in Vientiane for Lao Assistants on the operation of the Flying Shuttle Loom. Although the change-over on our loom has not as yet been made, much of the information has been useful on the Lao type loom.

Since no RLG Home Economist agents have been here this month, Khame Vene has conducted her own informal classes in sewing with supervision by this Advisor. Emphasis was stressed on "pride in workmanship" - the results have been some very good looking long-sleeved shirts for work in the rice fields (3), short sleeved (3) blouses and two pairs of small boy's play shorts - seven girls working.

This being the rainy season, we do not find as much weaving or handicrafts going on in the villages visited. However, did purchase some natural colored homespun and am endeavoring to complete a shirt from it to show the villagers ways to better use what they have.

Observed rice plantings in three villages. Some demonstration plots were not planted in rice paddies. Sampatong was planted on dry land seed bed. Spraying was done by Ag. agent with demonstration sprayer and malathion. Recommendations for transplanting was made by my husband.

Security: Although some measures have been taken to protect the Americans by the Lao soldiers - as yet we have no plywood to close in underneath our living quarters, nor a good generator to run our radio with.