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SUBJECT : Monthly Report for the month  
of November.

I. Accomplishments and activities.

Luang Prabang - Ron Sauer

Accompanied students to cut bamboo for the rural arts class.

Work progressing rapidly on the new dormitory.

Five hundred pounds of school supplies arrived.

Luang Prabang - Jeff Lessoff

Teaching agriculture and gardening to one hundred and ten students.

Students are getting two hours of English per week.

Vang Vieng - Chuck Brewster      No report received.

Vientiane - Sam Floyd      No report received.

Savannakhet - Nancy Artman

Classes started at the Technical School on the 25th of October.

Class schedule presently being changed. (See Woodson's Savannakhet trip report)

English books arrived on November 3rd.

Savannakhet - Robert Artman

Teaching 18 hours of English per week. (See Savannakhet trip report)

Pakse - Erwin Johnson

Teaching 10 hours of gardening and 6 hours of livestock production. One gardening class working on school beautification.

Old pigs sold and farm fund set up with the receipts.

Pakse area market survey started two years ago being continued.

ENI faculty consists of two Americans, four French and four Lao.

The 307 students study on half-day shifts.

Pakse - Roger Brady

Teaching 46 hours per week : 14 hours English at ENI, 6 hours of mechanics, 5 hours teaching materials, 1 hour gardening, 2 hours additional teaching duties, 4 hours at Lao American Assoc., 6 hours of English at a Wat, 6 hours of tutoring at IVS house.

Dell Johnson went to Pakse to lay out the new pipeline for the school.

Various school supplies were received.

Savannakhet - Susie Olson

Teaching 20 hours per week. Also teaching 3 hours per week at USIS and studying Lao 4 times per week.

San Thong - Paul White

Made arrangements to get 10 musical instruments from Asia Foundation.

School supplies received and after a meeting with Norm Green, a construction schedule was proposed on the classrooms and dormitories for the ENI.

Working with Group Scholar and ENI as well as additional English Classes.

## II. Plans for future activities.

Luang Prabang.

Chemistry and physics lab is being discussed, however no classroom is available. A plant nursery is also in the planning stage.

Pakse.

Planning to acquire two guilts for the school farm program.

Mechanics classes will construct workbenches for the workshop. They are also making an inventory of the warehouse as well as getting ready to construct new pallets and shelves for the warehouse.

Sam Thong.

Music program will start with the arrival of musical instruments. Additional sports will be taught when the sports equipment arrives.

Savannakhet.

The best students will be selected and a special English class will be started.

### III. Problems encountered.

Luang Prabang.

Students crowded schedule does not permit students to study enough. School starting late and the late arrival of the seeds, has caused the school gardens to be late also.

Maintenance has caused generator and vehicle problem at the school.

Plumbing problems also reported.

Various project delays causing other problems.

Pakse.

Furniture delay has caused some classes to meet in rooms without tables or benches.

Much used water pump causing daily headaches.

Sam Thong.

Lack of musical and sports equipment.

Savannakhet.

Scheduling of English classes at the Technical school. Compulsory English classes filled with students not

interested in learning English.

Larry Woodson.

Accompanied John Hughes IVS/W on inspection tour of the field. Visited Luang Prabang and Pakse. At both places, we had conferences with the IVS'ers working there as well as meeting with the faculty at the ENI's and USAID personnel.

Accompanied Chuck Brewster to Vang Vieng for assignment to post. CDAA, Chuck Brewster and myself visited with PSI, Chao Moueng and other officials in Vang Vieng.. The Chao Moueng agreed to let Chuck use the multi-purpose building for teaching English and also made arrangements for announcing the beginning of English classes. A registration date was also agreed upon and the Chao Moueng agreed to let Chuck use his office for this purpose.

Lee Engler, Mr. and Mrs. Artman and myself conferred with the Director of the Technical School on the teaching schedule of the Artman's regarding (1) consecutive two-hour classes once a week (2) all students studying English (3) provision for more than two hours per week study (4) testing and grading.

Director pointed out that the official program prescribed by the Ministry shows only one hour per week of English for the first through fourth-year students.

The Director agreed (1) to re-schedule classes to avoid two consecutive hours once a week ; (2) to permit commerce students to study three hours per week ; (3) to arrange for the proposed special class of twenty-five selected students to study 4 hours per week.

The Director explained that (1) subject matter load prescribed by the official program does not permit in most cases more than two hours of English per week ; (2) the number of hours of French per week has been decreased.

Various supplies have been sent to the various field post.

Three days of vacation were taken in Bangkok to meet with my Aunt's sister who was passing through Thailand.