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5. Education: There is a one-room temporary school at Ban Nong Yang (Ban Done) for P. -1 refugee students. Next year 3 teachers will be added, and school expanded to include P. 2 and P. 3. This year refugee children study P. 2-6 at the old village school of Ban Done. The children in Na Kong study at the old village school and the Thon Loua children study in the old Thon Loua school. There are an estimated 177 children in school in Tasseng Seng.

The Nong Yang villagers will "probably" have their permanent village at that site, but house lots have not been surveyed. The Na Kung villagers may build their permanent village elsewhere. (Like most of the refugees they are unclear about the plans the RLG is making for their future.) No permanent refugee schools or refugee-sponsored additions to old schools can be considered before this problem is resolved.

School Furniture A.P.: The villagers wish assistance in making 24 sets or more of permanent student furniture for the Nong Yang school. They want to go ahead with this work because the new desks and benches could be moved to the permanent school when it is built. The teachers' furniture at the Nong Yang school is borrowed as are 3 blackboards from the old Ban Done school. Villagers wanted to replace them with their own and said 6 blackboards would be a more useful number. There are 3 teachers.

Teaching Aids Requested:

1. More notebooks (only one/year -- not enough).
2. Textbooks: Teachers have complete sets. Students have none except readers (1/2 students).
3. Chalk: Ration of 1 box (100 sticks)/month is insufficient. Only the teacher can use chalk. More is requested so students can practice their exercises at the board.
4. Ink.