

Fortunately, a number of the men were able to participate in Civic Action Projects ashore in South Viet Nam. These were conducted in the village of Song Ong Doc in the Gulf of Thailand and in the City of Qui Nhon. In Song Ong Doc, the men painted the dispensary and helped repair playground equipment. In Qui Nhon, members of the crew constructed a heavy fence around the Holy Family Hospital and helped in moving the hospital pharmacy. On several occasions, the ship's doctor held clinics in Song Ong Doc where the villagers received medical attention not usually available. At other times, Swift Boats and Coast Guard Patrol Boats brought Vietnamese civilians to the ship for emergency medical attention.



Song Ong Doc River.



"Take my picture Joe?"



He's never had so much help.



"Time for a coffee break girls."