

BONG SON 61st AHC LUCKY STARS LIBRARY LEARNING CENTER

“Lucky Stars are in the Future of Bong Son’s Children”



When Helicopter pilots Mike Zogleman and Ken Embers first showed up in Bong Son Vietnam, in 1969 they were on a mission---they did their duty in war with the rest of the 61st Assault Helicopter Company. As the old saying goes, sometimes the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Some 40 years later, in December 2009 they showed up again in Bong Son, once again on a mission---same mission, different means.

The Mission is (and always has been) to create the opportunity for a better life filled with all the hopes, dreams and possibilities for the people of Vietnam that we Americans have such good fortune to enjoy. Trading in their Chopper Pilots’ gear they have donned a new mantel, as investors in the lives and futures of the children of Bong Son. Deactivated after Vietnam, the 61st Assault Helicopter Company has now been “REACTIVATED”



by the very guys the who served so well so long ago. Known as the “Lucky Stars” they are back in action.



Bong Son is still poor and because of its hinterland location, is largely ignored by foundations and charitable organizations. When the 61st returned it meant a lot. Soon the children of Bong Son will have a Library/Learning Center to inspire their imaginations and dreams and will have their “Lucky Stars” to thank for it.