



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: May 7

Brad Horne **RUSSIA**

One of our missionaries in Russia we'll call Brad Horne.

He teaches English as a way to meet people and share the gospel.

One week he asked a student named Anton if the young man knew his purpose in life. Anton said no.

When Brad offered to teach him the Bible, Anton agreed. The first meeting was five hours long as they studied what the Bible says about the purpose of life. At the end, Anton declared, "My life will never be the same again."

Two weeks later the young Russian put his faith in Christ and became a follower.

We support this missionary in Russia and we rejoice that he helped Anton find that a life with purpose must center on Jesus Christ. Our church supports many missionaries in Russia through our Cooperative Program giving. Now let us pray for Brad, our missionary.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: May 14

Jeb Colburn **NORTH AFRICA**

We Americans tend to think that all of North Africa is solidly Muslim and nobody wants to hear the gospel.

But that's not true.

Here and there across the region, churches have been started as people have come to faith in Christ. This is happening even though believers sometimes pay a high price for their new faith. Our church is supporting missionaries serving in many North African countries, as we give through the Cooperative Program.

Recently one of our missionaries we'll call Jeb Colburn met a man at a coffee shop and Jeb was able to share the gospel with the man, who we'll call Gadi.

Gadi said he wanted to please God and live as He wants him to. Jeb immediately prayed that God would show Gadi the right way.

It's too soon to say how Gadi will respond, but today can we pray that his life will be changed because he turns to Jesus Christ? And can we pray for Jeb, our missionary, that God would keep him safe, but also effective in sharing the gospel with people like Gadi.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: May 21

Unnamed Missionary **NORTH AFRICA / MIDDLE EAST**

Today we want to pray for one of our missionaries in the Middle East.

Of course we understand what a dangerous area that is and so we cannot name him.

But we want to pray for him, because we are supporting him through our Cooperative Program giving. We also want to thank God for his ministry.

Recently a Syrian man arrived at a refugee camp with his wife and three children. The man was angry and upset, because he had lost everything because of the war. He had lost his house, his shop, his job. They had nothing.

But our missionary there talked to the man, showed him love and urged forgiveness instead of vengeance. As the two talked, the Syrian man came to faith in Christ. He was baptized with his wife and three children.

Here's what the man said: "God saved me from the war to bring me here, to know Him and His love through His Son, Jesus."

Folks, if we Baptists and other evangelicals would just send enough missionaries, we would not need to send so many soldiers overseas!

Can we pray for this missionary now? Even though we do not know his name, the Lord knows and is blessing his ministry. And let us pray for this family who are now our brothers and sisters in Christ, that God will bless them in the days ahead.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: May 28

Doug Carver
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHAPLAIN

Could we think for a few moments about Memorial Day tomorrow and the men and women who have given their lives for our country?

And today we want to pray for Chaplain Doug Carver, who holds the rank of Major General in the U.S. Army. He is one of our Southern Baptist chaplains we endorse through our North American Mission Board, which our church supports through our Cooperative Program giving.

Chaplain Carver recalls leading a Memorial Day service just outside Baghdad back in 2003 when the war in Iraq was under way. It had been a quiet day before the service started at 6 p.m.

But as soon as the service ended, Chaplain Carver got word that five soldiers had died that day, all about the same time as the memorial service.

Here's what our chaplain said about that day:

"We had paused in a war zone to think about life, to thank the Lord for those who'd paid the full measure of devotion to duty to our country and to celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

"And then with a prayer and the 'amen,' you're brought right back to the fact that here we are in a combat zone where young men and women are standing in harm's way and the war continues," he said.

Today, let's thank God for our military men and women. And let's pray today for the ministry of Chaplain Carver, as he serves our military and ministers to their spiritual needs, often amid life-or-death situations.