



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.