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Frontline Faith started off small in the spring of 2010 when Cheri Lomonte learned that some servicemen and women can for long periods of time without having access to a military chaplain.

Lomonte has found a way to bring faith to the troops with small, inexpensive MP3 players.

Each MP3 player costs \$24 and comes preloaded with messages of prayers and inter-faith words of healing and encouragement for deployed troops.

According to Lt. Loris of the Army's Second Cavalry Division, the messages coming through the earbuds are like having someone at your side, "to remind you that there's a Higher Purpose and remind you of your core values."

Civilians often assume that every U.S. military base, no matter what the size, has its own chaplain. Not so, say the men and women in combat outposts throughout the war zones, especially in Afghanistan. Sometimes a chaplain only arrives about once a month, unless there is an urgent request.

According to the Army all of its active duty chaplain positions are filled but there are openings for 300 in the National Guard and Army Reserves. There are only 100 Catholic priests across the branches which is indicative of the priest shortage in the general population.

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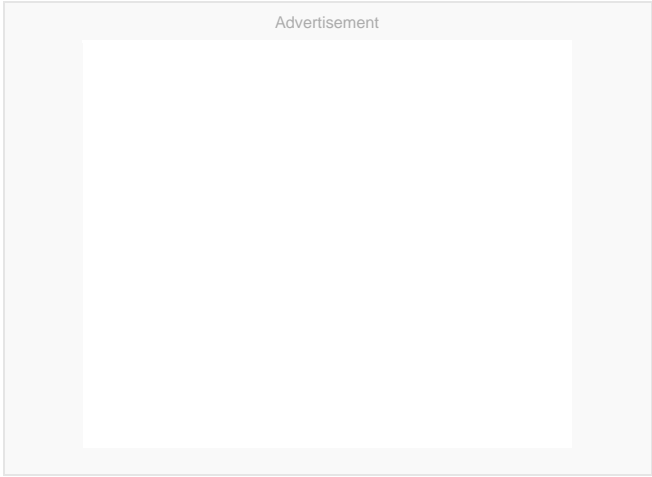
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