

World Wide Prayer Meeting March 29, 2018

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" Mark 10:45 NIV

Jesus came down my ransom to be; O it was wonderful love! For out of the Father's heart he came To die for me on a cross of shame, And from sin's bondage to reclaim; O it was wonderful love!

Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful love, Coming to me from Heaven above, Filling me, thrilling me through and through; O it was wonderful love! Clear to faith's vision the cross reveals Beautiful actions of love; And all that by grace e'en I may be When saved, to serve him eternally. He came, he died, for you and me; O it was wonderful love!

His death's a claim, his love has a plea; O it is wonderful love! Ungrateful was I to slight thy call, But, Lord, now I come, before thee fall, I give myself, I give up all, All for that wonderful love.

> Emmanuel Rolfe (1853-1914) Wonderful Love, 940

About Focused Territory: Japan

The Salvation Army work was started in Japan in 1895 by British Salvationists. Only 69 active Officers with about 1000 employees – 44 Corps, 12 Outposts, 19 institutions, 2 hospitals.

Country has a shrinking, aging population but very dense compared to Canada. 127 million people living in an area about size of south western Ontario. 4 main islands comprise 97% of land mass. Homogenous ethnic background, 98.5% Japanese with only 1.5% diverse ethnic immigrants. 4th largest economy in world. Suicide largest cause of death of young people. Shinto largest religion but 70-80% of Japanese describe themselves as not practicing any religion.

Prayer Requests for Japan Territory

- All officers and soldiers be refreshed and renewed by the in-filling of the Holy Spirit
- Renovations of the Gospel House for the purpose of commencing a social media approach to evangelism
- Candidates for Officership
- Courageous faith to be demonstrated by officers and soldiers
- Opening International Corps

