

NEWS LETTER



A Grandmother's Faith, A Young woman's Decision

Byrlzon's Step of Faith

We praise God for a moving testimony of how a grandmother's simple acts of faith can shape a young life for eternity. Her quiet influence—through bedtime Bible stories, gentle prayers, and consistent love—planted seeds that would one day lead to a life-changing decision. It reminds us that no act of faith is ever wasted, especially when shared with the next generation. God works through the faithful, often in unseen ways, to bring hearts to Him in His perfect time.

A Quiet Heart, A Delayed Decision

Byrlzon's Journey of Faith

In late 2024, SULADS missionary Sir Em began leading Bible studies with a group of youth at the Edmonton Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church. More than 15 young people joined, and by God's grace, nine made the decision to be baptized. Among them was Byrlzon, a sincere and thoughtful young woman who, at that time, chose not to be baptized. When asked why, she gently replied, "I still have some issues I need to resolve." Her honesty was respected, and prayers continued for God's timing.



The Birth of SULADS Canada

A Heart for Missions

Sulads Em Baragona is a volunteer missionary with a passion for youth and Indigenous outreach. After years with SULADS Philippines, he helped launch SULADS Canada in 2019.

The mission supports:

- Bible studies and discipleship
- Outreach to remote and Indigenous communities
- Evangelism and health projects

SULADS Canada continues to grow—sharing Jesus through service and love.

"The spirit of true mission knows no borders."

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A Birthday, A Baptism, A New Beginning

A Date to Remember

During a short vacation to the Philippines, Sir Em received a message from Byrlzon's father: "My daughter wants to talk about baptism." Upon his return to Canada, they met at the church. It was then that Byrlzon shared, "I've decided to be baptized."

But what touched hearts even more deeply was the special date she chose for this life-changing step: July 1st—her grandmother's birthday.

From Bedtime Stories to Baptism Honouring Her Faith,

"She was the one who introduced me to the Bible," she explained with heartfelt emotion. "She read Bible stories to me over and over—even when I didn't fully understand, she made sure the words stayed with me. I want to be baptized on her birthday to honour her because she helped me know God. Her faith planted the seed in my heart, and now I want to follow Jesus the way she taught me."

Mission Across Borders

One Mission, Two Nations

SULADS, a missionary volunteer movement that began in the Philippines and has since expanded to other parts of the world, including Canada. Rooted in Adventist values, SULADS is dedicated to reaching remote and underserved communities with health, Education, Agriculture and Livelihood. In Canada, SULADS volunteers like Sir Em continue this mission by mentoring youth, sharing Bible truths, and helping young people make life-changing decisions—like Byrlzon's baptism. His story is a reflection of what SULADS stands for: nurturing spiritual growth through relationships, service, and faith that spans generations.

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A Sacred Moment in the Heart of Canada

A Birthday, A Nation, A New Life

This heartfelt request led to an unforgettable baptism at Wabamun Lake, west of Edmonton, with Pastor Joseph Batiancila officiating. The date was significant not only as her grandmother's birthday, but also as Canada Day. The beach was busy with families enjoying the holiday, and many paused to witness the sacred moment.

As Byrlzon emerged from the water, the crowd began to clap. A public declaration of faith became a silent sermon to many—a tribute to a grandmother's love and spiritual legacy.

Echoes of Faith Across Generations From Prayer to Praise

Today, Byrlzon is active in church, using her gift of music in the Praise and Harmony group, joyfully serving the Saviour her grandmother helped her meet.

Let us keep praying for more youth like Byrlzon, and let us never underestimate the lasting power of a praying grandparent.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
— Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

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Be part of the mission! SULADS continues to reach remote and underserved communities —offering health, Education, Agriculture, Livelihood program and the gospel of Christ. Your support through prayers, and volunteer service helps transform lives for eternity.

Because every life touched is a victory for the Kingdom.