



A Wife's Story

On behalf of my Asawa (husband) and children, I asked *Voice For Fairness Canada* to share our story so you can have a better understanding of our personal pain, suffering and ongoing frustration with this journey that we have endured to this day.

Our early start started when my Asawa travelled to the Philippines in 2008. I met my future Asawa in late 2009 with 2 of my sons, as a single mother.

We were legally married on June 18, 2010 and both wanted to make sure that when the time came, I would be ready to apply for a guest visa. We understand that to meet the Immigration requirements in Canada, we want to build a solid foundation before applying. My Asawa and I decided to start a foundation called FINS Philippines. My Asawa go back to Canada on June 25, 2010. (11 months apart)

My Asawa returned to the Philippines on May 26th, 2011. At that time, he was contracted to manage a company in Baguio City. We continue to establish our roots as a family, welcoming our biological daughter, born on February 12, 2012, to now, family of 5. He flew back to Canada on November 04th, 2012 (1 year apart) My Asawa Missing daughter 1st birthday) and our two boys birthday and our 3rd wedding anniversary.)

He returned to the Philippines on October 26, 2013 and flew back to Canada on March 17, 2014

We waited until 2016 to have the Canadian Embassy in Manila; review my application in the belief that there were no problems while my Asawa was in Canada. On February 24, 2016 the Embassy responded and said: "I am not satisfied that you will leave Canada upon termination of your stay as a temporary resident."
<https://voiceforfairnesscanada.files.wordpress.com/2020/07/decision.pdf>

After reading, my husband and our immigration consultant at the time were left in shock. My application said in my letter dated January 16, 2016, "My Asawa has been the sole financial provider for myself and our children to date and continues to do so" also, regarding on personal property, the Canadian Embassy in Manila; questions of my documents provided.

When I was working in Kuwait on a two-year contract, there was no issue with my return to the Philippines. Isn't it good enough for the Canadian Embassy to have no doubts about my desire to return to our home in the Philippines after my guest stay?

When the letter of denial was issued, I was hurt, and felt insulted. My first impression of Canada, when I met my Asawa, was one of a kind open country with the opportunity to bring families together. However, their decision made me feel insignificant, useless, and unsatisfactory.

In my opinion, They say that they looked at my application but I believe that they did not actually look at it.

My Asawa, a Canadian, has been taking care of us for the last 10 years. He also worked in the Philippines, contributing to my country, paying taxes without complaining, but our family always wanted to visit him, we just wanted the opportunity to be together as a family.

(3 years 6 months apart) My Asawa Missed our daughter's 3,4, and 5th birthday)

He returned to the Philippines on December 1, 2017 and flew back to Canada on October 2, 2018.

(9 months apart) My Asawa Missed our daughters 7th birthday)

Our oldest son was surprised when he fly home for 6 weeks in June / July 2019 for his university graduation ceremony. These are the moments we love.

(Currently 1 year apart) My Asawa Missed our daughters 8th birthday and our 10th year wedding anniversary

This COVID 19 crisis, we have begun to calculate how long we have been physically separated as a family since 2010, which is 6 years and 6 months and counting. It's really sad. These are the years we will never return. My Asawa devote his life to us, sacrificing, sadness and disappointment but never giving up and doing his best.

My children and I are hurting and for a long time. Our kids always ask me "when is daddy coming home" or `` when can we go there? "It breaks my heart every time I hear their cries. When he returns to the Philippines, our world stops. Our children hold him, I cry tears of joy, the whispers," Dad please don't leave again "" can we come back with you "and he told them, "My Government in Canada is not trust, because they believe mommy will not come home but we will keep trying"

I rely heavily on my Asawa and children for hope but to much disappointment, and discouragement at the Canadian Embassy in Manila.

As a filpina I say to Prime Minister and Immigration, please stop giving us false hope by saying "you are bringing families from all over the world" and starting listening to find ways for my family and others who continue to suffer from frustration the opportunity to be allowed to visit Canada as many other Canadians deserve to have their families together without further sadness .

I do not know whether to see positive changes in each of my pleas or many other Canadians too.

We the Samuels family, would like to thank everyone who support us by signing the petition and those who spread the word by their circle of influence. We just want the opportunity to visit and be a family.

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to read to our story.

Sincerely;



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Courtesy of Voice For Fairness Canada

