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Thanksgiving Newsletter 2025

Obituary of Andrew Alexander Simone

As my health is failing, I present my obituary for this world's life in hope I will be a candidate for eternal life. I ask for forgiveness and mercy for the many that I have hurt by my words and actions.



ANDREW SIMONE, Grade 13 yearbook

Past Activities – Gym Team, OCI Band, Camera Club.

Pet Peeve – Joan works on weekends and not seeing her enough.

Future – U. of T. Medicine and then a large family.

Joan and I got married on August 22, 1960.

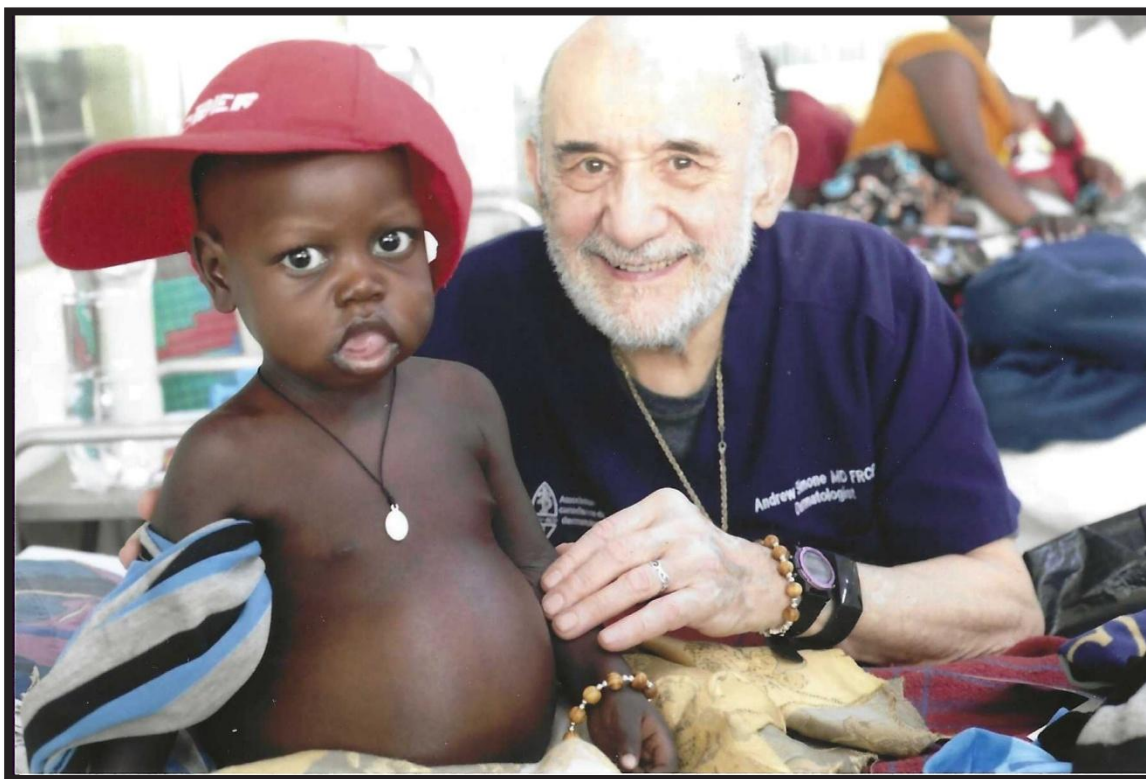
I graduated as a physician 1963 M.D.

I graduated as a skin specialist 1968 (Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians – Canada) FRCPC.

Joan gave birth to 12 Children. We adopted 2 Children.



**IVAN, 18 months old,
has kidney cancer.**



Ivan with Dr. Simone

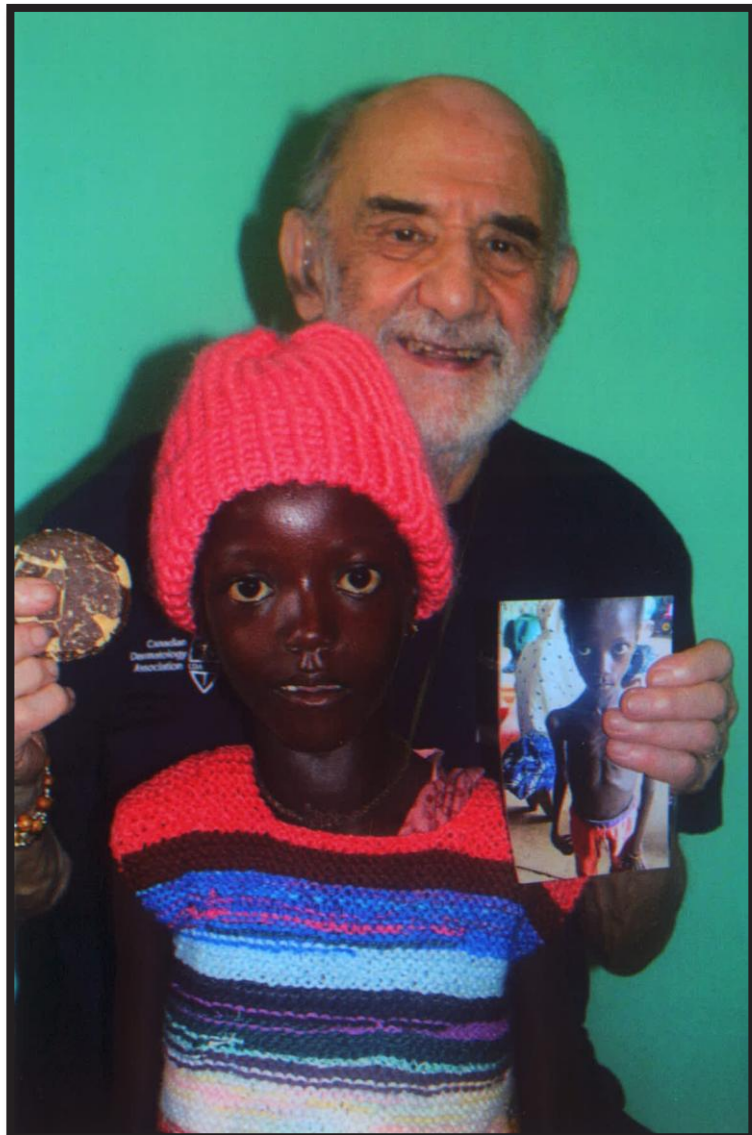


In January, 2024, I gave Ivan a Shoe Box from St. Joan of Arc School in Vaughan, Ontario.

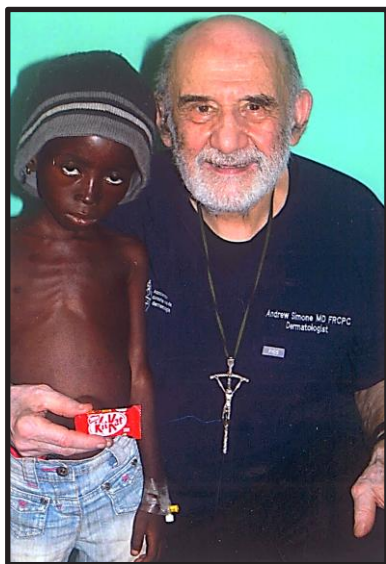
In Nov, 2024, Ivan died from his kidney cancer.



Rugiatu, malnourished, Sept, 2022



I met Rugiatu again in November 2023 when she was in good health.



I met Mary Elizabeth on November 20, 2023.

Mary Elizabeth died on June 10, 2024 of the Acquired Immune deficiency syndrome caused by the Human immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV-AIDS).

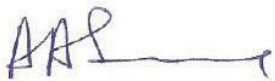
In August I read an article in “Prions en Eglise” by Jean Grou. Jean said that it was so sad that on his winter vacation they would not allow children under 18 years of age to stay at this beautiful vacation hotel. Leaving our airport here in Toronto the large sign says “Cruises, No Kids”.

Jean Grou’s friend told him that we should put a sign at the entrance of our churches that says, “Only children welcome and those that are like children.” Jesus says, “Let the little children alone and do not stop them from coming to me; for it is such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs” (Matthew 19,14).

Joan and I were married for 62 years before she died 3 years ago. We both loved all children including the special preborn unborn children in their mother’s womb. My legacy for this life is that I love all children.

May Jesus and the blessed Mother help us to love all children.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus, our Lord,



Andrew Alexander Simone M.D



Monetary donations can be made on the CFFC website: <http://www.canadianfoodforchildren.net/> or by cheque written to: Canadian Food for Children or e-transfer at cffc.aasimone@yahoo.ca.

Contact Information:

CFFC Warehouse hours of operation Monday to Friday 8 am – 12 pm. (drop offs).

Address: 1258 Lakeshore Rd E. Mississauga, ON L5E 1E9

To book a visit for groups and students email us at: cffc_studentgroups@hotmail.com

Talks in Ontario or across Canada – Call the office @ 905-274-9239.

*Dr. Simone is now
available to give
talks at schools and
churches.*

Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Second Reading

From the Imitation of Christ

(Lib. 3, 14)

The truth of the Lord endures for ever

You thunder your judgments upon me, O Lord; you shake all my bones with fear and dread, and my soul becomes severely frightened. I am bewildered when I realize that *even the heavens are not pure in your sight*.

If you discovered iniquity in the angels and did not spare them, what will become of me? The stars fell from heaven, and I, mere dust, what should I expect? Those whose works seemed praiseworthy fell to the depths, and I have seen those who once were fed with the bread of angels delighting in the husks of swine.

There is no holiness where you have withdrawn your hand, O Lord; no profitable wisdom if you cease to rule over it; no helpful strength if you cease preserve it. For if you forsake us, we sink and perish; but if you visit us, we raise up and live again. We are unstable, but you make us firm; we grow cool, but you inflame us.

All superficial glory has been swallowed up in the depths of your judgment upon me.

What is all flesh in your sight? *Can the clay be glorified in opposition to its Maker?*

How can anyone be aroused by empty talk if his heart is subject in the truth to God?

The whole world cannot swell with pride the man who is subject to truth; nor will he be swayed by the flattery of all his admirers, if he has established all his trust in God.

For those who do all the talking amount to nothing; they fail with their din of words, but *the truth of the Lord endure for ever*.

Wednesday

Responsory

Psalm 119: 114-115, 113

Lord, you are my refuge and my shield;

I hope in your word.

Go away from me, you evildoers,

And I will observe the commandments of my God.

I hate a divided heart;

I love your law.

Go away from me, you evildoers,

And I will observe the commandments of my God.

Prayer

Almighty God,

Every good thing comes from you.

Fill our hearts with love for you,

Increase our faith,

And by your constant care

Protect the good you have given us.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, for ever and ever.

From the Warehouse #34

As the fall begins, we look forward to continuing the work of the Lord. During the long hot summer, we managed to fill a 40' container every day thanks to the help of a number of student volunteers, plus our good "old faithfuls". Donations came in regularly, and we are grateful to all of our donors - corporate, schools, parishes, families, individuals. St. Elizabeth Seton parish in Newmarket donated food and other items, and we received many boxes of kitchen items from Cristo Rei. We received a very generous donation of 2,000 soccer balls and pumps – imagine the joy those will bring! One family donated loads of giftware from the store that they were closing. In June, the women's knitting group from Beaches United Church delivered hundreds of hand-made vests, blankets, hats - a true labour of love! (see picture). Many people drop off milk bag sleeping mats. In July, we sent a donated van to Zambia - thanks Dr. Missy. (see picture). Way back in the spring, many Lenten offerings of soap, salt, food, etc. came from St. Gertrude, Oshawa, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Mary Star of the Sea, Mississauga, St. Clement and St. Anthony, Toronto, St. Christopher, Woodbridge, St. Patrick's, Wildfield, and several other parishes and groups. I know I'm missing names of some groups - forgive me. Our Kitchener-Waterloo, Chatham and Penticton, B.C. partners continue to offer their great ongoing support.

We are very delighted to have the new support of the Niagara Christian Gleaners. They do amazing work! Our good neighbours from the McKenna warehouse replaced a bay door and did some paving for us.

Every day, our containers magically appear at the warehouse, and then disappear. We have an amazing, dedicated driver, Rudy, who has been working with CFFC for about 30 years. He works all hours, and can back up a container easier than I ride my motorcycle!

Some sad news. Rudy's brother died suddenly in Trinidad this spring. Fr Augustine, parish priest of Burma, Sierra Leone, where we send containers, and whom a number of our volunteers had met, was murdered in a robbery. Philip Howland, one of our veteran Wednesday volunteers, died last month of pancreatic cancer. With his engineering background, he would make sure that our containers were packed to perfection. (Philip's wife Jo-Ann is also a volunteer with us.) May they rest in peace and may their families feel God's comfort.

Brian Finamore, a long-time school chaplain and volunteer with CFFC, is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer. Let us pray for all of our loved ones who have died, who are mourning, who are undergoing difficult health issues. Life can be very fragile – let us be grateful and share our gifts and our love.

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Giving Thanks for our new AGC Mission in El Salvador

This Thanksgiving, our hearts are full of gratitude as we share the blessing of Amazing Grace Canada's newest chapter - a partnership with our dear friends at Agape in El Salvador. This past May our Founder, Dr. Simone with his daughter in laws, Lisa and Daniela Simone travelled to El Salvador and connected with Lutgardo from Agape, where the team was introduced to CREA. CREA is a local all-men's treatment centre in and has been supported by Agape and Father Flavian's mission.



During this trip, Gertrudis became our first participant to commit to this 20-month treatment program. An investment in himself and a demonstration of turning his will over to God for care. Lutgardo from Agape will oversee the El Salvador program, with AGC supporting CREA both financially and with the collection of some much needed donations. This Thanksgiving, we give thanks for the opportunity to walk alongside our brothers at CREA for the generosity of our supporters who make this work possible, and for the promise of lives soon to be transformed through faith, compassion, and service.

A call for Donations for our men in El Salvador

Currently CREA's gym is nearly empty, and building physical strength is a vital part of the recovery journey. With your help, we can fill this space with the equipment the men need to rebuild their bodies, restore their health, and grow in confidence.



Every weight, barbell, bench, or bike you donate will contribute to someone's lasting recovery. Donations can be dropped off at the CFFC Warehouse in Mississauga.

Your generosity can be life changing for someone's Recovery

To sponsor a participant in our new El Salvador program visit: www.amazinggracecanada.ca

Meet Gertrudis, AGC's first El Salvador Participant

We are thrilled to introduce you to Gertrudis, our first participant in the El Salvador program. We first learned about Gertrudis from the staff at CREA, who told us about a man they thought would benefit from our program. Gertrudis had recently completed CREA but, after returning home with no aftercare, he had relapsed, leaving him frequently intoxicated and homeless.



When we met Gertrudis we offered a funded bed and the choice to begin again. We told him, "If you choose life, we will walk with you." Upon completing the 20-month treatment program, our participants become a part of our AGC family - where (through Agape) we help them find meaning, purpose, and work. Today, Gertrudis knows he is not alone. With the support of AGC and Agape, he has not only found treatment but a recovery family who is committed to standing by him every step of the way.

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AGC Liberia - Lives Renewed, Hope Restored

In Liberia, our program continues to thrive - thanks to the steady, faith-filled leadership of our spiritual leader Father Paul and Program Manager Henry. Under their guidance, our participants are graduating sober, stronger, and committed in their faith. These graduates return to their families not only restored, but ready to serve and lead in their communities.

This past August our team completed the fourth round of participant selections - to date, we have sent four groups to treatment! Each candidate represents a life ready to be transformed through the grace of God, the support of this program, and the dedication of our AGC family.



It is because of your generosity and support that this work has been possible. The transformation we see in our program in Liberia is a shining example of what happens when compassion, discipline, and faith come together—and we are humbled to be part of it.



Making a difference in Liberia:

- \$200 gives an individual the gift of going to treatment.
- \$300 gives a participant the safety and security of living at Grace House after completing treatment.
- \$20 feeds a participant at Grace House for a week.
- \$50 provides power to Grace House for a month

To give today visit: www.amazinggracecanada.ca

Meet Lisa Simone, AGC's Executive Director

This Thanksgiving, we also give thanks for the leadership of our new Executive Director, Lisa Simone - who celebrated 16-years of long-term recovery in August. Having previously worked in addiction treatment for 10+ years and currently running her own addiction counselling practice, Lisa brings a wealth of personal and professional knowledge to the role. Her dedication to walking alongside those new to sobriety is deeply rooted in her own recovery journey and her powerful calling to serve.

Lisa lives in Niagara Falls, Ontario with her husband Christopher and together they are raising four children.

We are blessed to have her vision, faith, and experience guiding the mission of Amazing Grace Canada into this new chapter.

