

## **MEDIA RELEASE** 15 November, 2007

### ***High flying to raise awareness and show support for AIDS***

Victoria, BC – The Anglican Diocese of British Columbia, AIDS Vancouver Island (AVI) and the Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) will be holding a kite-flying event, to show support for the 40 million people around the world who are living with HIV, and the millions of other people affected by the virus.

This event originates in Zambia, where Emmanuel, age 13, lost his mother to HIV/AIDS when he was just nine years old. Emmanuel finds that making and flying a kite is a way for him to forget his worries. He says, "When my kite flies really high, I feel happy."

Emmanuel's story has inspired the creation and flying of kites to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS. In Victoria, the kites released into the sky will be inscribed with remembrances and dedications, prayers, messages of solidarity/support and promises to help fight and continue to raise awareness of HIV and AIDS attached to their tails.

#### **Kite making workshop Saturday, November 24.**

**Time: 10:30am**

**Place: St John the Divine Church, 1611 Quadra St Victoria**

#### **Fly A Kite for AIDS December 1.**

**Time: 12-2pm**

**Place: Clover Point, Dallas Road, Victoria**

Not only will the sky be filled with kites – a fantastic photo opportunity of its own – but there will also be a photo opportunity of all kite fliers at 2pm.

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