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## Preaching pair ready to give away a house

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Two unconventional preachers -- one called the porn pastor -- are to give away a house at a Detroit church Sunday as part of a book tour with a simple message: Jesus loves you.

The book, "Jesus Loves You ... This I Know," is written by Jason Harper and Craig Gross, who has garnered nationwide attention for his outreach to consumers of and participants in the porn industry.

The book has several chapters with titles like "Jesus Loves the Disconnected," "Jesus Loves the Glutton," "Jesus Loves the Crook" and "Jesus Loves the Porn Star."

Their tour is taking them to six cities, tying in the themes to particular needs.

In recent weeks, they've given away free lunch buffets to gluttons in Las Vegas and debated porn star Ron Jeremy in California.

On Sunday, Harper and Gross plan to be at Citadel of Faith Covenant Church in Detroit because the state has the highest unemployment rate in the country.

In partnership with the church, they rehabbed a donated home in Detroit and they are to give it away to a needy family. Located a couple of blocks west of Woodward and south of West Chicago Boulevard, the colonial house was worth about \$12,000, and had about \$11,000 in improvements, Gross said.

"With people in such bad shape economically, we thought this was the least we could do," Gross said.

Gross, who ministered in Michigan for two years, founded the Strip Church in Las Vegas and XXXchurch.com, a Web site that some conservative Christians criticized but others lauded because of its outreach.

"Often, Christians and churches try to point fingers and are the first to judge, saying, 'You're wrong, we're right,'" he said. "Our thought is, let's lead with this message of love. We think that works a whole lot better."

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## Additional Facts

If you go

A free house in Detroit is to be given away at Citadel of Faith Covenant Church, 8801 Woodward Ave., Detroit, during its noon service Sunday.

It's part of the "Jesus Loves You ... This I Know" book tour by pastors Craig Gross and Jason Harper. They are visiting six cities and meeting the people church groups often neglect.

Detroit's stop represents the "Jesus Loves the Disconnected" part of their tour, because of high unemployment.

To be considered for the free house, fill out an application at [www.freehousesunday.com](http://www.freehousesunday.com).

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