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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AUTHORS DEMONSTRATE LOVE AT KANSAS CHURCH KNOWN FOR EXTREME PROTESTS:

Westboro Baptist Church the First of Six Stops on 'Jesus Loves You' Book Tour

WHAT: Co-authors of the book, "Jesus Loves You," Craig Gross and Jason Harper will attend a service at Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan. Westboro has gained the reputation of being one of the most intolerant religious organizations in the nation, best known for the forthright and offensive messages they display during frequent protests. Through their visit, Gross and Harper seek to model the loving and accepting nature of Jesus. They welcome others to join them.

WHO: **Craig Gross**, often known as the "porn pastor," founded Fireproof Ministries and XXXChurch.com, a Web site that helps those struggling with pornography or workers in the sex industry. The author of "The Gutter," "Starving Jesus" and "The Dirty Little Secret," Gross spends most of his time with unchurched people at some of the most unexpected and darkest places. He resides in Las Vegas where he also started The Strip Church.

Jason Harper is the founder of The Extra Mile, an organization committed to advocating for better education and health care for inner-city children. He is a published author and the director of community outreach for Capital Christian Center in Sacramento, Calif.

WHEN: Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. CDT

WHERE: Westboro Baptist Church
3701 SW 12th St.
Topeka, KS, 66604

DETAILS: Gross and Harper believe that individuals outside of the Church with little or no faith often feel jaded, bitter and betrayed and that those within faith circles often are judgmental. The authors feel both the jaded and the judgmental need to be reconnected to Jesus' love.

The “Jesus Loves You” book tour will stop in six cities around the nation, to show that Jesus’ love applies to everyone – pastors, drunks, gluttons, the unemployed, soccer moms and porn stars. The stop at Westboro Baptist Church – Jesus Loves the Religious – will kick off the book tour, followed by stops in:

- **Las Vegas – Jesus Loves the Glutton, Sept. 30**
In the heart of Sin City, Gross and Harper will be giving away 400 lunch buffets. To receive a coupon for the buffet, visit www.freebuffetwednesday.com.
- **Los Angeles – Jesus Loves Porn Star, Oct. 7**
Gross will debate porn star Ron Jeremy on the University of Southern California campus.
- **Detroit – Jesus Loves the Disconnected, Oct. 11**
With the highest unemployment rate, Detroit is home to some of the most disconnected people. Gross and Harper will be helping to renovate a house and then giving it away. For more info, visit www.freehousesunday.com.
- **Folsom, Calif. – Jesus Loves the Crook, Oct. 23**
Gross and Harper will visit maximum security prison, Folsom State Prison, and teach a chapel service.
- **Atlanta – Jesus Loves the Outcast, Oct. 30-Nov. 1**
Gross and Harper will have a booth at the Atlanta Pride Festival to apologize for the way religious people have treated the homosexual community.

More information about the book tour can be found at www.jesuslovesyou.net.

**COVERAGE /
INTERVIEW
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