

Mission conversion their task

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While many people book airplane flights, buy train tickets and fill up their cars with gasoline so they can be home for the holidays, many young men in Oakland County can't go home.

These men are missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Dedicating two years of their lives to being away from their families and spending their days in whatever cities the church sends them, they concentrate on teaching the basics of the Mormon church.

Mark Hyer, 20, and Jeff Anderson, 19, are missionaries in Rochester. Hyer is from Anampa, Idaho; Anderson from Lehi, Utah. Hyer has been a missionary for more than 1 1/2 years. Anderson has nearly a year's experience.

Six days a week the pair walks the streets of northern Oakland County, going door-to-door to tell people about their church and its ideologies.

"It's our basic responsibility to share the gospel with people and bring about their conversions," said Hyer. "Many of our doctrines are new to people. We believe the Lord has called a prophet on the earth today, which is the main difference between our church and others. He's a living prophet who receives revelations from the Lord just as the ancient prophets did. We also believe in Jesus Christ as the son of God. We worship him, not the prophet, Spencer W. Kimball, as many people believe."

THE TWO young men travel together, as do all Mormon missionaries, and live together in an apartment in downtown Rochester. They're responsible for their own meals, housekeeping, laundry and financial support.

"We eat good," said Anderson. "We do go out to local restaurants occasionally. Most of the time Hyer and Anderson are on their feet, wearing suits, ties, and badges identifying them as representatives of the church, and devoting 70 hours a week to visiting households.

"We like sharing family ideas," Hyer said. "This is a program for families that helps to strengthen the family as a unit. It teaches how to strengthen love."

"People have been somewhat responsive to us," said Anderson, who came to Oakland County from East Lansing just a few weeks ago. Hyer came from Grand Rapids.

Each has his reasons for being a missionary.

"I've grown up in the church all my life," said Anderson. "It's probably been the most dearest thing I've wanted to do. When I'm done, I hope to get into oil or computers." He will also resume his interest in sports, and is able to continue with his photography.

Hyer became a missionary because "it is a growing experience I can't get anywhere else. I thought if there ever would be an opportunity, it would be now."

HIS INTEREST grew when he heard the church's prophet, Kimball, address a group of young men. Kimball told them each should go on a mission to serve the Lord.

Hyer enjoys hunting, basketball and music. He plans on becoming an industrial mechanic. Although both men are on duty 24 hours a day, they do have a preparation day each week to do whatever they want within limits.

"We catch a movie, play golf or tennis," said Hyer. As Mormons they don't smoke, or drink caffeine and alcohol.

During their official work days, they

get up at 5 a.m. to do two hours of individual study. At 7 a.m. they study together. By 9:30 a.m. they are out of their home.

On Sundays they attend the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Waterford Township. Although they don't participate in giving the services, they do show the church to people who are interested.

Neither Hyer nor Anderson received any special instructions to be missionaries. Although they spent five days at the church in Salt Lake City, Utah, they said most of what they know has come from "on-the-spot training."

Julotta set for Swedish on Christmas

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Chandler Park Drive and Dickerson Avenue, will celebrate Christmas with a "Julotta," Swedish for early morning Christmas service, 7 a.m., Dec. 25.

It is the only service of

its kind in the metropolitan area.

The Rev. Constantine Trued, pastor of Immanuel will officiate at the 58th anniversary of this traditional candle-light service, 7 a.m., Dec. 25.

also will feature Swedish

singing and music. The Swedish Arpi male chorus will lead the congregation.

The public is invited to worship in the Swedish Tradition. The service will be given in Swedish and also will feature Swedish coffee and refreshments.

Meadow Brook holiday hours

Meadow Brook Hall will be closed Sunday, Dec. 25, and Sunday, Jan. 1.

Jan. 8, when the 100-room mansion on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester, will again be open 1-4 p.m. every Sunday.

Regular tours will resume Sunday,



Mark Hyer (left) and Jeff Anderson talk about their work as Mormon missionaries during the coming Christmas holidays. (Staff photo by Ed Bas)

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
33424 Oakland Ave.
Farmington
Christmas Candlelight Service
at 11 P.M. Christmas Eve

NATIVITY EPISCOPAL
2120 W. 14 Mile - Birmingham
Dec. 24 - 2 Services
5 P.M. & 11 P.M.
Tucuman #21
Dec. 31st 4 P.M. Service
Tucuman #21
no service Jan. 1st

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
12 Mile and Farmington Road
553-5380
Christmas Worship
December 24th, Candlelight and Carols—7:30 P.M.
Christmas Day Worship—10:00 A.M. (Communion)
New Year's Eve Service—December 31st—7:30 P.M.
New Year's Day Worship—10:00 A.M. (Communion)

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
1800 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, Mich.
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
Family Candlelight Service—5:30 P.M.
Music by Children's Choirs
Services of Candlelight and Carols
8 P.M. and 10 P.M.
Music by Chancel Choir
Christmas Day Service—11 A.M.
Rev. Duane T. Wiggazzer, Pastor—644-4010
Rev. Holger G. Colliau, Pastor of Visitation

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
29887 W. Eleven Mile Rd.
Farmington Hills
476-8860
Dr. Wm. D. Mercer, Senior Minister
Rev. Wm. E. Frayer, Associate
Rev. James F. Thomas, Christian Ed.
Mr. Al Campbell, Director of Youth
Mr. Melvin Rookus, Director of Music
Christmas Eve Service
6 P.M. for Families with younger children
8 P.M. Traditional Candlelighting and Carol Singing
Christmas Day Sunday
11 A.M. Service Only
Rev. Frayer, preaching
Nursery provided

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
5500 N. Adams Rd.
(Opposite West View)
Troy
Christmas Eve
7:30 P.M. CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST PAGEANT, FURNISHING OF CRIBS
10:30 P.M. CHOIR & ORGAN CONCERT & CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST.
Christmas Day
8 A.M. CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST
9 A.M. CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST
New Year's Day
(Holy Name)
10 A.M. Holy Eucharist

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
3325 Middlebelt Rd. (N. of Long Lk. Road) FE 8-3505
Rector Jeffrey Meadowsworth
Christmas Eve Services
4:30 P.M. Holy Eucharist
5:30 P.M. Children's Service
11:00 P.M. Festival Eucharist
Christmas Day
10 A.M. Holy Eucharist

GRAND RIVER BAPTIST OF LIVONIA
34500 SIX MILE RD. at West Farmington Rd.
CHRISTMAS EVE
7:30 PM - Family Candlelight - Carols - Choir
"WISE MEN SEEK HIM STILL!"
CHRISTMAS DAY
9:30 AM - Family Sunday School
10:45 AM - "WHAT DID I DO IN THE YEAR?" CHOIR
NEW YEAR'S EVE
9:30 to Midnight - Buffet Dinner - Refreshments and Communion!
NEW YEAR'S DAY
9:30 AM - Family Sunday School
10:45 AM - "FACING THE FUTURE UNARMED!"
261-6556 Nursery Open!
Pastor Dr. Wilbert D. Gough
Mr. Chas. Sizer
Dir. of Music & Youth

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
355 W. Maple Birmingham
CHRISTMAS EVE—DECEMBER 24
7:00 P.M. Family Choral Eucharist (Jr. Choir)
9:00 P.M. Family Choral Eucharist (Sr. High School Choir)
11:00 P.M. Festival Choral Eucharist (Sr. Choir)
CHRISTMAS DAY—DECEMBER 25
10:00 A.M. Choral Eucharist (Chapel Jr. Choir)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
8:00 & 10:00 A.M. Holy Communion

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
32410 Normandy Rd.
Franklin
Christmas Eve
7:30 Family Service
11:00 Traditional Christmas Day
11:15 Service of Lessons & Carols
New Year's
11:15 Special Communion Service
Rev. Frank B. Conick & Rev. J. Chester Stubbs

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
1669 WEST MAPLE & CHESTERFIELD (644-2040)
BIRMINGHAM
The Reverend F. Morgan Roberts, Pastor
Associates: Charles A. Sommers, Edward E. Crawford, Gerald S. Crawford
CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 p.m.—Family Service and Pageant
8:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Service
CHRISTMAS DAY
A Single Service at 11:15 a.m.
Family Worship

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
26680 La Muna Dr.
Farmington Hills
474-2860
Dec. 24th 4:00 The Christmas Eve Family Festival Eucharist
11:00 Carol Service & Festival Eucharist
Dec. 25th 10:30 A.M. Service of Holy Communion

WARD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA
Six Mile and Farmington Roads 422-1150
Celebrate with Us this Christmas
Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Services
5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
"Joy for All People" (Luke 2:10)
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Pre-service concert
Onila Sanders - accomplished harpist and vocalist
(Bring the family and worship together)
Christmas Day Services, Dec. 25
9:30 & 11:00 a.m. "What Star Do You Follow?"
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
7:00 p.m. "Renaissance" - a guest musical group
New Year's Eve Service
Dinner (by reservation only) 6:30; Holy Communion 8:00;
Film, "A Stranger in My Forest" 8:45; Refreshments 10:00;
Candlelight Service 11:00; Message "A Prayer for the New Year"
Rev. L. Edward Davis
(Come for part or all)
New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
"The Land of Beginning Again" - Dr. Hess
7:00 p.m.
"Blueprint for the New Year"
Rev. William C. Moore
(Nursery Provided at all services except New Year's Eve)

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
20805 MIDDLEBELT at 8 MILE
474-0675
CHRISTMAS EVE
7:30 P.M. Special Family Worship
11:00 P.M. Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
CHRISTMAS DAY
8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Worship with Word and Sacrament
NEW YEAR'S EVE
7:30 P.M. Special Memorial Service with the Eucharist
COME AND WORSHIP AT THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
17029 W. 13 Mile (between Greenfield & 556)
642-7047
CHRISTMAS EVE
7:30 & 11:00 P.M.
Candlelight Worship with communion
CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.
Pastor Edward Brown

FARMINGTON HILLS CHRISTIAN CENTER
Dixie Road at Freedom Farmington Hills, Mich. 48024
478-1511
REV. EDWARD LUTHER, PASTOR
CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00PM
Christmas Day Worship Service 10:00AM
Children's program on Channel 62 TV 3:30PM
Christmas Vespers 6:00PM
Where the Reality of Christmas is Found in the Sign of Christ

FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH
26235 Halsead Road
Farmington Hills
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES
11:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.
Services the following Monday, Tues. and Wed. at 7:30 P.M.
Arthur Skogog of Menasha, Wisconsin will speak
All Are Welcome!

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS MORE MEANINGFUL GO TO CHURCH

