

'Facing the Giants' Creators Complete New Film

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[01-18-08] The makers of *Facing the Giants*, the church-made movie that took in \$10 million in theaters and remains a top-selling DVD, recently finished filming their latest Christian drama about saving a failing marriage.

Stephen Kendrick, co-writer and director for the newest movie from Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Ga., along with his brother Alex, wrapped up five weeks of shooting last month for *Fireproof*-which stars Kirk Cameron as a firefighter whose seven-year marriage is on the rocks, Baptist Press (BP) reported.

Scheduled to hit theaters in August, *Fireproof*?like *Facing the Giants*?will be distributed through Provident Films, a subsidiary of Sony Pictures.

Best known for the 1980s television series *Growing Pains*, Cameron said he got involved in the movie after bumping into Alex Kendrick and Sherwood pastor Michael Catt in an airport last year. Cameron, who attended the Hollywood screening of *Facing the Giants*, auditioned "just like anyone else," BP reported.

Alex Kendrick said the movie is timely because "the foundation of marriage has been attacked, devalued and redefined by many in our culture," BP reported.

"Our hope would be that after viewing the film, couples and singles hoping to marry would be challenged and exhorted to pursue God-honoring relationships that reinforce the

foundations of marriage in light of a relationship with Jesus Christ," he said. "We want people to realize that 'fireproof' does not mean the absence of fire, but the ability to withstand it."

As with *Facing the Giants* and the church's first film, *Flywheel*, production for *Fireproof* was driven by church volunteers, BP reported.