

The Frontier Boys

When John Grooters and his then-young-teen son, Jedidiah, lamented the lack of a suitable movie for a guys' outing, they didn't just grumble—they ended up making their own. Released in February, *The Frontier Boys* aims to “fill a gap” for teen boys, according to the writer and director father of the pair.

The PG-13 full-length drama follows a group of high school athletes whose friendship and faith is rocked when one of them is critically injured in a gang-related shooting. The 112-minute film was shaped to appeal to teenage boys without being too edgy. “We almost ignored the girls” in making it, with no love interest, said Grooters, but the resulting movie has proved popular with teen girls as well.

From a biblical perspective the film deals with death, faith and loyalty, and violence, and delicately shares the love of Jesus with viewers.

The cast features country artist Big Kenny and Christian singer Rebecca St. James. Both musicians contribute to the soundtrack, which also includes music by Switchfoot, Jesus Culture and Superchick