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After a long run on "Days of Our Lives," metro Detroit native Steve Blackwood moved back home and landed roles in movies being made here at the height of the film incentives.

His latest role is in "Machine Gun Preacher," which opens Sept. 23. He appears in an electric scene as a banker confronted by an angry Gerard Butler, who plays the title character -- a man on a mission to help children in war-torn Sudan.

Blackwood says the filmmakers were so determined to get all of the nuances of the project right that they called him in for a separate day of rehearsals for the one-day shoot of the scene. It was filmed last year at a closed bank in Livonia.

"The passion that these guys had for every word is fantastic," he says of Butler and director Marc Forster, who helmed "Monster's Ball" and "Quantum of Solace."