

## What's New for Fall 2010?

### 'Honor and Valor'

Today's stars and celebrities are not today's heroes; stars we watch (on and off the screen or TV), but heroes we follow; heroes are what each person has the potential to be; heroes are ordinary people doing extraordinary actions. There is a difference and we need to understand which we will value.

Honor and valor are two qualities in heroes but normally not found in "stars". I was reminded this last week, that these qualities have gone by the wayside... forgotten... not-valued; you read so little about such qualities any more. What a sad commentary on how we are raising the next generation. However, God has not forgotten or stopped valuing 'Honor and Valor' and he has brought to the Courtyard a man after His own heart; a man who cares about honor and valor and desperately wants to model the Christ-filled life to the Courtyard residents and guests.



Joining the staff as the Courtyard Director is Randell Embertson and as a bonus, his wonderful wife of 9-years, Kaaren. Randell and Kaaren both bring a rich life in Christ and have been busy preparing the house for resident move-in in September. The staff team of Randell, Jessica Erhardt (Women's Director) and Stephanie Volbeda (Chef), bring a strong and unified trio that are preparing new and exciting

activities, challenges, and a fresh breath to the Courtyard life.

Randell's experiences are broad and deep and he is ready to sit down for coffee; he'll engage anyone who walks by or through the Courtyard door. Comfortable on a challenge course or in a classroom, Randell loves Jesus and loves people, a winning combination.

Each year 48 residents begin the school year bonding together as a family. They will go through the challenges, festivities, heart-aches, failures, freedoms & responsibilities together coming out at the end in June as men and women who have grown in heart, mind and spirit to live a life following after the Lord God Almighty. Along the way, they will impact other residents of the Courtyard and many outside its walls; they will understand 'Honor and Valor' as part of their character.

From the Board of Directors of Relevance, we pray for the staff, the residents and the hundreds of guests that will enter the Courtyard in the 2010-2011 school year and may each be richly blessed.

