

# Making the *Dream* Happen

A man once dreamed of building a playground in a ghetto neighborhood. He approached the owners of an apartment complex, who gave him permission to build, but offered no help.

As he walked through the complex one day, he met a little girl. As he struck up a conversation with her, he shared his dream with her, and she immediately ran to her apartment and returned with a thick stack of crayon sketches. She had a vision for a playground, too.

Her drawings showed him the playground she wanted – one with a slide, lots of swings, and monkey bars. She pointed out the exact spot where she wanted it built, and then she said, “I’ve been praying for this a long time!”

The man told her he would need lots of help to turn their dream into a reality, and the little girl nodded in agreement.



In coming weeks, she tirelessly slipped fliers under doors, and made appointments for the man to speak to parents and teachers. The little girl convinced architects and fundraisers to help build her dream.

When construction started, hundreds of volunteers showed up to help. Soon, there was a playground.

Are you willing to work to make your dream come true – what you request from God? It may be the very key to His answer to you.

As I heard an elderly gentleman say once: When your boat is tossed about in a storm, pray to God, but row for the shore.

*And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men (Colossians 3:23).*

– Beecher Hunter