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A new place to play: Bible Adventure Land to open near Nelson

By Belth Leipholtz (Echo Press 9-27-17)

An idea nearly three years in the making is finally coming to fruition at Titus 2 Ministry Center southwest of Nelson.

The idea, a Bible Adventure Land playground, will be a public playground with seven stations, each representative of a different Bible story.

Mary Yaw, Titus 2 founder, says the idea for a Bible Adventure Land playground first came up in January 2015, but it took some time for it to gain momentum.

"I'm finally seeing God starting to push behind it," she said. "There's two ways that things get done: We do it or He does it. And I'd much rather wait for God to say 'OK.'"

The play area will be spread over parts of the ministry center's six acres at 7005 County Road 82 SE. The area has recently been cleared out so that work can begin.

One of the stations will be a fishing boat, based on the story of Jesus' disciples.

"The boat just came in last week," Yaw said. "Someone gave it to us for our garage sale. It's the exact boat I wanted and it's in good shape, so we just need to get a fishing net and set it on blue rock."

Another station Yaw is excited about is the play area's welcome center, which will be based in a 7-foot by 22-foot Noah's Ark. The ark has already been built at Plants and Things in Anoka, but Yaw is waiting for funding to come through in order to move it.

"People can go in the bottom of the ark and that will be our welcome center," she said. "We'll have brochures on each piece of the playground."

The other stations include Make A Joyful Noise, based on Psalm 100:1; Jonah and the whale, which will involve a slide built inside a whale's mouth; Joshua and the Battle of Jericho, which will be a fort area; the Samaritan woman at the well, based on John 4; and Daniel and the lion's den, with a small playhouse and lion figures. The playground will also feature two scavenger hunts.

In addition to the Bible Adventure Land, Yaw is in the process of mapping out some other changes for the ministry center.

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“Eventually we want to redo the garages and I want a conference room for a couple purposes,” Yaw said. “It’s going to allow us to take classes outside the ministry area. Then it opens the option to have men come to the meetings.”

The conference center would also be available to use for events such as birthday parties, Vacation Bible School, youth group meetings and more.

Eventually, Yaw also hopes to add cabins to the property, which would also be available to the public.

“The park is for the community, so it’s unlimited as to what can be done out here once it’s built,” Yaw said. “I’ve always been about the community and getting everybody healed and whole in Christ and this is just going to be one more aspect.”

Titus 2 will host a Family Fun Day on Sunday, Oct. 1, from noon to 4 p.m., during which families can see where the Bible Adventure Land will be laid out.

“We’re going to have some tents up, yard yahtzee, croquet, bocci ball and hot dogs,” Yaw said. “The goal is to have areas posted out so people can walk in playground area and see.”

To assist with the Bible Adventure Land, contact Titus 2 Ministry Center at 320-491-1851

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