

2014 July 11 update Ask!

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.”
(Matthew 7:7)

I started a Roth IRA more than ten years ago. There were concerns then about the stability of Social Security, and churches were looking at increased portions of their mission budgets going to older missionaries who did not have other retirement income. Recently, I decided to find out how much was in that fund, and was very pleasantly surprised to learn how well it had done.

I talked with my pastor and mission board director, and both men agreed it was appropriate to use that money toward completing the ministry residence and related needs. I now qualify to receive the entire amount, which is about 20% of my retirement funds. The money transfer was made, and Isaac was busy yesterday buying cement, rebar and other construction materials.

I have been laughing with surprise and joy over God's provision. He nudged me strongly more than ten years ago to start preparing for a project I did not even know would be needed, gave a fund manager wisdom during economically hard times, reminded me that the money might be available now for construction, and gave me advisors and friends who moved the funds. I have been asking my Father for money for construction, and this is His answer. Praise Him with me!