

Igala Language Project Snippet February 2014

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*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler; long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth*

The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost describes what I've been experiencing recently as I've thought about what to do next to promote literacy and Bible comprehension in Igala.



Nigerians start school at age 3.



Crystal also takes care of 7 children in her home!

I saw not only two, but six or seven roads – huge projects, all worthy and needed – but I am only one person and can't travel more than one road.

So I prayed, listened, waited – intrigued by various possibilities, but not frustrated when they “**bent in the undergrowth.**”

Then Crystal Gosnell came to visit – just after Christmas. She is the Director of Education at Ministry of Mercy Orphanage in Otutulu. We discussed how I could help create a curriculum for teaching Igala reading and writing at the MoM primary school.

So many factors point to the possible success of such a collaboration.

- Crystal's teachers already use my fables booklets and have requested worksheets to go with them.
- I have passion, stories, and knowledge of the language.
- Crystal will be able to guide me with her expertise in teaching different grade levels.
- The materials we develop will be tested and tweaked vigorously in the school.
- Crystal's vision is to develop a full curriculum at her school and then offer to establish it in other schools in the state.

I feel sure that this is what the Lord wants me to do, and I've started already!

Thank YOU for your prayers, encouraging words, and support!

Esther Nordman



Carrying their chairs to class.