Ejeba family members visiting me.

Igala Language Project Snippet
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Project goal: to create a school curriculum for teaching reading and writing in Igala.

You prayed, and God answered! During my visit to Nigeria in June and July, we made some progress! Thank you for praying, and thank the Lord with me for what He is doing.

Dr. Ruth Abbah and three college instructors.

In Ankpa, Dr. Ruth Abbah and her family hosted me for two days and nights. Instructors from the College of Education visited under the mango and coconut trees in her yard, and discussed plans for creating a curriculum for teaching Igala children to read and write in their own language. Native speakers number about 2 million.

Dr. Abbah also gave me a tour of the private high school where she gives free tuition to orphans and children of pastors and missionaries. She takes paying students to help cover costs. She is an amazing friend and sister!

Dr. Salem Ejeba with his wife and baby girl traveled 500 miles to visit me (and their families in the area). Salem earned his doctorate degree in 2016. His thesis is "The Grammar of the Igala Language." Just what we need to help build a curriculum.

Salem is helping me run a WhatsApp page where our growing team can communicate even though we are scattered throughout Nigeria and the world. Using Whatsapp, we can all post documents discuss issues.

*Achenyo, Salem, and baby Enwekw'Ojo,
my sister Pauline, her daughter Madeline,
and good friend and Christian politician Emmanuel Egwaba.*

So far, about 10 people have joined the curriculum team. We are contacting others as well. Several team members are linguists, and several others do a lot of writing in Igala. Our first task is to agree upon the rules of Igala grammar and spelling.

With all that knowledge and experience going for us, how hard could it be? :)

Thank you for your love, prayers and support!

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