



Igala Language Project Snippet

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Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)



New nose and first grandchild

You prayed and God answered!

The Need: The Igala children of Nigeria need to learn to read and write in their mother-tongue and not only in English, but there are so few resources.

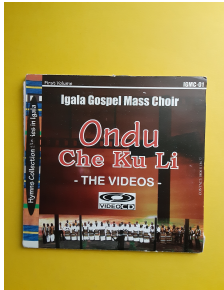
You prayed: In August 2018 as I planned to go to Nigeria, I asked you to pray for God's selection of team members for the various aspects of writing an Igala grammar book.

God answered: in an unexpected way, as is His style. Read on and praise God with me.

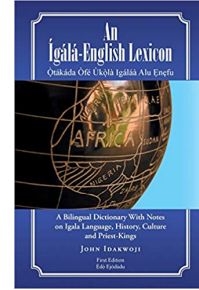
A new nose and our first grandchild

- In 2018, instead of going to Nigeria as planned, I had routine surgery.
- In 2019, again I did not go. Doctors removed cancer and did reconstruction of the tip of my nose.
- On New Year's Day 2020 we got a grandson, our first grandchild!

While I stayed in the US for personal reasons, God was answering your prayers by putting events together in Nigeria.



Now two Igala men will found a Center for Igala Studies in Igala land: They aim to do research and writing, producing materials for use in schools. They also plan to run a school that will demonstrate their materials and methods. They are meeting with others who might join their NGO and help with the tremendous task of creating and implementing a language program for Igala children. Their work will benefit other minority languages as well.



Please pray for Friday Ikani and John Idakwoji. They are dealing with red tape, many dangers, and a terrible economy. They have families and other responsibilities as well as the curriculum project.

Mr. Ikani (left) is the man who put together the Igala Gospel Mass Choir to bring believers together singing the old hymns and to bring revival to Igala land.

I sent DVD's to our supporters several years ago. You can also find these joyfully rendered hymns on YouTube by searching "Igala Gospel Mass Choir." If you enjoy the hymns on YouTube, please consider contributing to the next album through Partners in Joy.

Mr. Idakwoji (right) is the man who wrote *An Igala-English Lexicon*, a 641 page masterpiece which can preserve the Igala language, its vocabulary, nuances and depth. It is a must-have for every school and home in Igala land.

This book is available at Amazon.com for about \$36. So inexpensive! And what a wealth of information on the Igala language, culture and history. I recommend it to anyone interested in the Igala Language

In addition to all this progress, the new easy-to-read Igala Bible has been completed and sent to China for printing.

Rejoice with me on the following three huge steps forward:

- I don't need to try to lead anymore. I can now assist these brilliant, dedicated Igala leaders.
- They see the need for books written for children and for teachers of children.
- The new Igala Bible could be delivered for distribution in April this year!

Thank you for praying, supporting, and encouraging!

With love and prayers, *Esther Nordman*