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## Igala Language Project Snippet July 2020

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

Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)

## 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:** I recently asked prayer for Mr. Friday Ikani and his efforts to establish an NGO through which to tackle the literacy challenges.

**God answered:** The NGO has been awarded a certificate. It's been born!

Igala leaders in literacy have founded the **Center for Igala Language and Culture** in the center of Igala land. They plan to research, write, and produce materials for use in schools. Their demonstration school will test and prove their materials and methods. The first meeting of the Board of Trustees was a day to celebrate. Their work will benefit other minority languages as well.

**Please pray** for Friday Ikani and John Idakwoji. They are dealing with COVID-19 restrictions, many dangers, and a terrible economy. They have families and other responsibilities as well as the curriculum project.



Board of Trustees meeting and some of the books they've bought.

**Please pray** that the Lord will motivate many to contribute their time, talents, and funds to push this Center for Igala Language and Culture forward and accomplish the will of the Lord.

**Mr. Ikani** 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 Igala Gospel Mass Choir 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** 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 plan to write a full school curriculum for teaching in Igala. The new Igala Bible could be delivered for distribution by the end of this year!

Thank you for praying, supporting, and encouraging!

With love and prayers, **Esther Nordman**