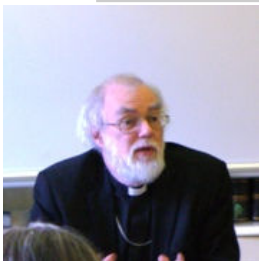




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Archbishop of Canterbury praises work of Five Talents

Five Talents, with the Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt Rev David Urquhart, hosted a lunch event at the Church of England's General Synod on 8th February. The Patron of Five Talents, the Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams, attended and described Five Talents as "a gift to the Anglican Communion". He told those gathered at the event: "It has been a privilege to be involved with this [Five Talents], to hear the good news that it brings and to see the excellent modelling of the development work ethic. This is a deeply creative and constructive way forward." To read the press release please go to <http://www.fivetalents.org.uk/press-releases.html>.



Christian Microfinance: distinctively different?

On 15th February, Five Talents took part in a panel discussion hosted by the Microfinance Club and St Paul's Institute at St Paul's Cathedral. The topic 'Christian Microfinance: distinctively different', included speakers from Opportunity International and World Vision International. All the speakers agreed that Christian microfinance has a distinctive motivation based on Jesus' love and teachings towards the poor. It was clear that each organisation has its own distinctive mission and methods, with Five Talents particularly leveraging the church network and targeting the poorer groups with 'relational' microfinance. The evening was kindly sponsored by Stewardship Services. Watch Tom Sanderson's speech at <http://www.fivetalents.org.uk/videos.html>.



Uganda: Microfinance through a lens - photographic exhibition

Five Talents held a photographic exhibition on 16th February at the ROA Gallery in central London. The exhibition featured photographs taken by Adam Dickens whilst visiting Five Talents Uganda in September last year. The photographs gave a fascinating glimpse of microfinance through an artist's lens and featured a range of photographs from abstract to portrait, from entrepreneurs to landscape and of the ultimate beneficiaries of microfinance - children. The framed photographs were sold with the proceeds going to Five Talents Uganda. If you are interested in purchasing any more of the framed photographs please contact the office on 0203 326 0426.



UK Director visits Uganda and Kenya

Tom Sanderson the UK Director of Five Talents recently visited Uganda and Kenya to review the programmes and their expansion plans and progress. In Kenya the current programme operating in the Diocese of Thika has been so successful it is now being replicated in the neighbouring Diocese of Embu. The programme is a savings-led model where individuals join 'trust groups' of up to 100 people. These groups encourage each other to save and the savings are loaned out to group members to help boost their individual businesses. This is an exciting and dynamic community-led model of micro-finance. Find out more about our work in Kenya at <http://www.fivetalents.org.uk/kenya.html>.



Going to Spring Harvest?

Five Talents will be exhibiting at Spring Harvest in Minehead this year from 9th April until 24th April. We are looking for volunteers to help out on the stand. If you are interested please get in touch with the office.

Alternatively, if you are at Spring Harvest, stop by for a chat and catch up on what we've been up to since we were last at Spring Harvest. See you there!

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