



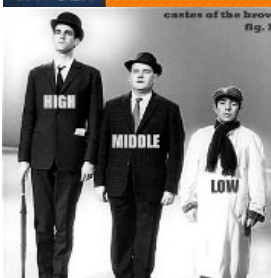
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### Microfinance in the Media

A recent Radio 4 programme addressed the growth in commercial microfinance and whether microcredit helps or hurts people in poverty. You can listen to the programme [here](#) and read Five Talents' comments on the programme [here](#). The Parliamentary Group on Microfinance has also published an Inquiry into the role of microfinance in tackling extreme poverty. This follows the Parliamentary debate last autumn on the effectiveness of microfinance in which Tom Sanderson, Five Talents' UK Director was a key panellist. Five Talents has contributed to the Inquiry and is a strong advocate for the kind of pro-poor microfinance delivered by our partners. You can read the Inquiry [here](#) and [contact the office](#) if you want to discuss further.



### Why I support Five Talents

One of our supporters said: "I am not rich like John Cleese or poor like Ronnie Corbett – I am somewhere in the middle like Ronnie Barker". Or am I? When I consider that 1.4bn people live on less than \$1 a day, I must be one of the richest. Jesus' instruction to the rich young ruler to "go, sell your possessions and give to the poor" (Matthew chapter 19) may be relevant to me after all. That's my motivation for supporting Five Talents – it's also a great way to help those much poorer than me. Read the full story [here](#). We are collecting your inspiring stories – please [contact the office](#) to share your's.



### Kenyan entrepreneur inspires Goldman staff

Wilfrid Kamani, Board member of the micro-savings programme in Thika, Kenya, recently visited the Five Talents' office during a volunteer day with staff from Goldman Sachs. Wilfrid shared his business success as a flower exporter, growing the business from small beginnings and now looking to supply fresh flowers to Asda in the UK. He is an inspiration to budding entrepreneurs in Kenya and UK alike. Read more about the Thika programme [here](#).



### Upcoming Events

- **New Wine** - Are you going to the New Wine conference in Shepton Mallet or Newark this year? Can you spare an hour or two to help us on the FT Stand? If you would like to volunteer as a stand representative please [contact the office](#).
- **Autumn Conference** - Save the date! Five Talents is holding an autumn conference in Central London on **7th October** from 10am-4pm.
- **Rachel Millward** is leaving Five Talents this Friday 10th June after four years to start a new job with Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity. We wish her all the best!



### Txt & Dontate... in under 30 seconds!

Five Talents is one of the first charities to use its own, unique text code, FIVE10 to raise funds using JustTextGiving by Vodafone. This new service has no set-up or fundraising costs, no network charges and every penny donated goes to charity. Gift Aid can also be added. From today, supporters of Five Talents can make donations of up to £10 by texting FIVE10 and either 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 10 to 70070 to make their donation. Go on, give it a try! Or you can make a regular donation by clicking [here](#).

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