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Eunice finds success with simple trading

When Eunice's husband lost his job, she joined a loan group to receive business training and a small loan from Five Talents Uganda. With her first loan she and her husband opened a small shop selling sorghum. They were successful and soon expanded to a second shop in the neighbouring town. With the profits they bought a bicycle, which her husband rides as a cycle taxi in the evening after closing their shop. The family income has increased and allowed them to expand their one bedroom house and pay school fees for their four children. Eunice says that the Parable of the Talents has become her motto and she has vowed to live by it.



Sudan Programme Manager visits London

Earlier this month Harun Matuma, the Programme Manager for World Concern in Sudan, visited Five Talents UK. Harun is working closely with Five Talents in Southern Sudan to pioneer thriving microfinance programmes. The work includes training people in financial literacy, setting up savings groups and village banks. This is helping people to save money safely and borrow money to start small businesses. Whilst in London, Harun presented to a group of employees at Morgan Stanley, he was interviewed on Premier Radio and also attended a meeting at the Royal African Society.



Five Talents partnership with legal firm wins award

Five Talents recently won the Development Partner Award at the first A4ID (Advocates for International Development) Pro Bono Awards. The awards celebrate the outstanding achievements of legal professionals and the development organisations they have worked with in tackling extreme poverty and meeting the UN's Millennium Development Goals. Through A4ID, Five Talents worked with Simmons & Simmons on several projects. It was Five Talents' continuous engagement with the lawyers across the whole of the organisation's work that impressed the judges, and has created a long-term relationship between Five Talents and Simmons & Simmons.



Going the extra mile!

This year, we have two wonderful supporters braving blisters, shin splints and chafing to run the London marathon on the 17th of April. Steve Taylor will be running for the third time to raise money for Five Talents' work, please support Steve here. Stewart Pepper will also be running the London marathon, you can support Stewart here. Your donations really help to motivate the runners to keep going, please be generous!

If you are attending Spring Harvest in Minehead this year, please visit our stand to pick up our latest Annual Review and get an update.



Gift Aid is changing

Donations to Five Talents received after 5th April 2011 will only be eligible for Gift Aid at 25 pence in the pound. Gifts up to 5th April will benefit from 28 pence. So if you are planning to make a donation, do it now here. Thank you!

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