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### Microcredit Summit in Spain

Five Talents was among the 2,000 delegates at the Global Microcredit Summit Campaign which took place in Valladolid, Spain last week. UK Programme Manager Anna Pienaar led a session on the topic 'Does Faith Matter' alongside an expert in Islamic Microfinance and the Director of the Jerusalem Interest-Free Microfinance Fund. Five Talents' central aim, that microfinance must stay true to its mission of serving the poor, was echoed throughout the Summit. Click [here](#) to read more.



### The Big Give... 10 days and counting!

On 5th December Five Talents will be participating in the 2011 Big Give Christmas Challenge. With your help we hope to raise a total of £60,000 which will enable us to start a new microfinance branch in Kitgum, Northern Uganda.

**How to take part:** From 10am on the 5th December you will have the chance to double your donation and your impact for free. All you need to do is click on [this link](#) which will take you to Five Talents' Project Page where you will find the **DONATE NOW** button. But not before 5th Dec. Thank you.



### Transforming me and my community

Olga Ramos Valencia is a single mother from the rural community of Pueblo Libre in Huancavelica, Peru. "During a very difficult time, I realised that many people in my neighborhood lacked basic necessities and I saw the difficulties that they were facing in getting vegetables and groceries in our community. We had to travel for 30 minutes in a small bus to Huancavelica city to get basic products. This is when I realised that I should start a vegetable and grocery business myself." Thanks to Olga's ingenuity combined with training and loan capital from ECLOF - Five Talents' partner in [Peru](#) - Olga's business is very profitable and provides employment for two other people.



### Recent Events

**Five Talents in Bristol** - Over 50 people gathered at a waterfront venue earlier this month to learn more about Five Talents and view photographs of the work in Uganda by freelance photographer [Adam Dickens](#). The evening was kindly sponsored by Parragon.

**Microfinance Works** - Five Talents recently held a microfinance workshop in London with 25 staff from Simmons & Simmons and RBS Bank. The session provided an insight into Microfinance, the work of Five Talents and opportunities to get involved. If your company would like to hold a similar workshop please do [contact the office](#).



### Tanzania Team Talk!

Meet some of the staff from the Mama Bahati Foundation (MBF) in this [short personal video message](#). MBF is Five Talents' partner in Iringa, Tanzania. Immaculate (pictured right) is retiring after 5 years as Coordinator and Tito (left) is taking over. Listen to them and others describe what they are most proud of, what it is like to work with MBF, the impact of the programme and what the future holds.

You can find out more about this programme [here](#). Thank you for supporting Five Talents.

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