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Feedback from Uganda trip

"It has been truly amazing to see how people have been helped. My favorite person was someone called Eileen who was busy making beads, samosas and growing mushrooms. She was providing for her children and also planning for her retirement... a very complete life story and largely thanks to Five Talents."

- Annette Brooke, MP

"It was really great to see people turn their lives around by receiving small business loans... I can thoroughly recommend Five Talents Uganda on the basis of what I have seen."

- Paul Beaumont, Accountant

You can read the full trip report [here](#).



Donate your money... or your time!

BIG GIVE—Fancy *doubling* your donation, for **free**? You can do just that during the **Big Give Christmas Challenge Week** which begins at **10am on 5th December**. All donations made to Five Talents via the Big Give website will be doubled. Put the date in your diary and help us reach **twice as many** people! Click [here](#) for more information.

Running out of Time - Five Talents has one place for the **2012 Virgin London Marathon** on 22 April . If you are interested in running on behalf of Five Talents please [contact the office](#) by 31st October.

Donate... YOURSELF? - As part of the Vodafone World of Difference programme, you could work for Five Talents full-time for two months or part-time for four months. Click [here](#) for details.



Smiling again in Burundi

Catarina lost her front teeth in a bicycle accident, but her group members paid the £9 needed for her medical treatment. The saving group has an emergency fund especially for this kind of thing. The groups are now literate, saving, lending and supporting each other. You can learn more about the Burundi programme by watching our latest video [here](#) - kindly narrated by BBC's Norman Smith and edited by Family Editing.

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Autumn Conference Highlights

"I am absolutely committed to microcredit and microfinance as a whole because it is such a magnificent mechanism for helping people to help themselves." - **Humphrey Norrington OBE**

Thank you to all those who attended Five Talents' Autumn Conference last Friday. It was kindly hosted by Allen & Overy in London and we were delighted to have Humphrey Norrington OBE as our guest speaker. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn more about Five Talents and to share ways to get involved and spread the news. Look out for future events and next year's conference.



Sudan—Hot News

A team from the US office recently braved the 40 degree heat to visit the Five Talents programme in South Sudan—the world's newest country. They joined the local team to teach business basics to the group members, including how to set up and run low cost businesses that can succeed with very little capital. This programme is reaching such needy places and people, having an amazing impact. Read some of the reflections from the team [here](#).

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