

# FIGHTING POVERTY ... IN PHILIPPINES

## CENTER FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

### SMALL LOAN HELPS FAMILY OVERCOME GREAT TRAGEDY

At the age of 2, Wennie lost her father to cancer. But before his death, her parents had sold all their property to pay for his treatments and medication. So, at the end of his battle, his wife and four children were left with nothing.

Shortly after this, Wennie's mother, Nida, was invited to join the social services arm of the Center for Community Transformation – a Five Talents Family partner in Manila. Nida joined and after two years graduated into the microfinance program of CCT.

Nida borrowed an initial loan of £55 to expand her small beverage stand into a snack eatery. With the income of her growing business, Nida was able to pay the school fees for Wennie and her three other children.

"I am so thankful to God for being the good and perfect father that I never had," Wennie said. "I am thankful that He sustains our needs through my mother's business."



Wennie and Nida

### STATISTICS

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Number of Members:	4,615
Average Loan Balance:	£107
Total Outstanding Portfolio:	£217,039
Repayment Rate:	98%
Impact of Single Loan:	9 people

#### PHILIPPINES

- ♦ Population: 92.6 million
- ♦ Population living on less than £1.3 a day: 47.5%
- ♦ Number of physicians per 1,000 people: 1.2

### WHERE WE WORK



Rice paddies in rural Philippines

Five Talents is partnering with the **Center for Community Transformation (CCT)**, an indigenous Christian organization whose mission is to change lives, strengthen families and transform communities by forming credit cooperatives. They operate seven branches on various islands in the Philippines including in Cainta (a slum community in metro Manila), Taguig, Taytay and Pasig. The most recent branch is in Puerto Princesa on the island of Palawan.

In partnership with the Episcopal Church of the Philippines, CCT is working to grow faith-centered communities where people live with dignity and sufficiency. Most families in the slum communities earn £1.30 to £2 a day working odd jobs. Most women are the primary providers for their families.

### FIVE TALENTS NEEDS YOUR HELP

In 2010, Five Talents is raising £23,500 for its program in the Philippines. Please consider a gift today.

