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Get involved this autumn

Uganda Trip - would you like to see Five Talents' work first hand? Join our UK Director Tom Sanderson on a short trip to Uganda this September (25th –2nd Oct). For more details click [here](#).
Autumn Conference - come to our Autumn Conference on Friday 7th October 2011 from 10am to 4pm. The conference is free to attend and is kindly hosted at the offices of Allen & Overy, 1 Bishop's Square, London, E1 6AD. It will be an opportunity to learn about the Five Talents' microfinance programmes, share news and get involved—click [here](#) for the full agenda. To book your place please email info@fivetalents.org.uk



“My money was eaten by mice”

Verdiane is from Burundi. She has a business selling tomatoes and palm oil at the market which enables her to support her 11 children, five of whom are orphans.
“Before I joined the savings group we used to keep money at home but it was eaten by mice which caused conflict in the family. Now there is peace at home and we have a business selling tomatoes. With the profit from my business I can now afford to save as well as provide for the needs of my children at school, such as buying exercise books. When I was a child I was kept at home and was never sent to school. Now all my children will go to school, I won't keep any children at home because I was kept at home and I don't want that. I didn't think women could do anything on their own. Now I have the confidence to contribute to my family's income. Look at me, I am well dressed!”



Esther in Chennai

Five Talents Uganda project leader Esther Nakamatte (pictured left) recently won a scholarship to attend a social entrepreneurship course in Chennai, India. The course was run by Hand in Hand International and led by Harvard Business School professor Kasturi Rangan. She says: “It was fast-paced and has helped me to understand microfinance as a social business with passion and ambition to serve our communities. The case studies helped me to reflect on Five Talents Uganda and our vision for the future. Thank you!”

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Coming up...

We are delighted to announce that Five Talents has been accepted for the **2011 Big Give Christmas Challenge**. The challenge gives supporters the opportunity to have their charity donations **DOUBLED**. To find out more about how the Big Give works click [here](#).

Willing to run the race? Five Talents has a place for the **2012 Virgin London Marathon** held on 22nd April. If you are interested in running the marathon on behalf of Five Talents please contact the [office](#).



“Microfinance just blew me away”

The very first time that I heard about Five Talents, I couldn't believe that I had never been told about microfinance before! What blew me away was the beauty and efficiency of the financial 'model', with the repeated reuse of gifted money, recycling it again and again; the way that it enabled people to help themselves, that such small amounts could make such disproportionate changes in families lives, the way that it was a part of the church's overall, life wide ministry to its members....and the brilliant, honest, inspiring people that worked the system through the projects... it is surely Good News in action!

To read more of Jamie's testimony click [here](#).

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