

Five Talents News

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Village bank opens in Lietnhom, Sudan



Deng (top, right) has a small thatched shop in Lietnhom, Southern Sudan. His shop, along with many others, was burnt down in tribal clashes in April 2008 leaving him with virtually nothing. **He is one of 460 members** of the village bank and a loan of £46 has helped him to rebuild his business which has now fully recovered and bigger than a year earlier. The village is now stable and the **bank was officially opened** on 19th May with the support of Five Talents - the first village bank in Warrap State now with £7,292 of community savings. Go to:

<http://fightpovertywithfivetalents.blogspot.com/2009/05/village-bank-reconciliation-stability.html> to see photos and read more.

Get Involved

- **Mario Santangelo** did the London to Paris cycle ride on 27th June in aid of Five Talents. Go to www.justgiving.com/mariosantangelo to sponsor him.

- Five Talents is exhibiting at the **Keswick Convention** (11-24 July) and the **New Wine** Conferences in Shepton Mallet (25 July - 9 Aug). Do look out for us and visit www.fivetalents.org.uk/page-contact-us.html if you would like to join our exhibition team.

5 Facts on Five Talents

In a nutshell, read about how and why microfinance works by going to: http://www.fivetalents.org.uk/images/general/five_facts_fivetalents_a.pdf

We really appreciate all those who support the work of Five Talents. Your money makes a big impact to the lives of people like Deng (top right) **helping them to build a better future.**

Donate online or download a standing order form from: www.fivetalents.org.uk/images/general/standingorderform.pdf

Contact the office about supporting a specific project or increasing your existing gift.



Goldman Sachs volunteers share their talents

Thirty staff from **Goldman Sachs** shared their talents for a day with Five Talents. The three Team Works days involve brainstorming, role playing, and advising Five Talents as we move forward. Thank you to all those involved. One of their former colleagues, **Priya Jamus**, has spent June with the Five Talents project



Priya visits Tanzania... Priya describes the entrepreneur's she's met: "Being here is the most **convincing argument** for microfinance... The clients' new businesses are leading to economic and social changes in their communities and at the same time, increasing their sense of **pride and accomplishment.**"

Visit a project

There are special short trips to the microfinance projects in **Kenya** and **India** planned for late September. Contact the office at:

www.fivetalents.org.uk/page-contact-us.html if you are interested to find out more.