

Five Talents News

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There's a Dragon in the House



Smaller, Poorer, Riskier!

Five Talents is different from other microfinance providers because we offer smaller loans to poorer people in more risky circumstances.

Our project in Sudan (pictured above) is a case in point: Five Talents is working with the local church to build and replicate a community bank in Lietnhom in the Wau District. For more info go to:

http://www.fivetaleants.org.uk/pages-presentations_sudan.html

"What is absolutely dear to my heart is enabling people to do it themselves" said Deborah Meaden from BBC's Dragon's Den, referring to Five Talents' microfinance projects at the fundraising drinks reception. "I live in a country which enabled me to borrow money to start my first business...people are not short of ideas, people in Africa are saying *if only*. The magic of microfinance is that it doesn't take much...it takes a small amount of money in our terms to make a huge change in terms of Five Talents.

Deborah Meaden pictured above with UK Director Tom Sanderson (left), Valentine Gitoho (Five Talents Kenya) and Lord Griffiths. Go to <http://emailer.besupported.co.uk/t/1/1/yhjydi/1/www.flickr.com/photos/fivetaleantsuk/> to see photos from the evening. Visit www.fivetaleants.org.uk/page-how-to-give.html to donate towards our projects. To listen to Deborah's speech and Valentine's interview by Martha Kearney from the BCC, go to www.fivetaleants.org.uk/page-audio-clips.html

Alternative Gifts

Create a Job this Christmas by supporting one of Five Talents microfinance projects.

Suggested donation is £20 which you can allocate to a country of your choice. We will send you a card and a token gift.

Visit www.fivetaleants.org.uk/pdfs/alternative_gifts_dec08.pdf for more info or <https://secure.efundraising.org.uk/tailored/donation.asp?charity=94046%20> to do it online.

New Film - Five Talents in E.Africa



Watch a short summary of our work including 3 interviews with loan recipients in Uganda. It is inspiring to see how people are multiplying their talents in so many different and productive ways. Visit <http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=irUb4Zelnc>

Volunteers & Events:

Thank you to all of those who took part in Five talents Sunday and the Volunteer Training Day. We have a Christmas Concert on 6th December.

Go to www.fivetaleants.org.uk/images/general/concertposterA4.pdf for more details.

Rachel Millward is currently visiting our projects in Indonesia and the Philippines and more trips are planned for 2009. Contact the office at info@fivetaleants.org.uk or 0203 326 0426 for more information or to get involved.