

### HOW ABOUT SOME GOOD NEWS!

Among the habits I'm considering breaking is frequent reading or listening to the news. It's awful stuff - graphic reports of wars, bombs, IEDs, mass murders, gang-related shootings and murders of police officers - enough to make one consider becoming a bonafide recluse. Prior to doing anything too drastic in the immediate future, however, I've decided to see what I can come up with in terms of good news.

How's this for a starter? Canada has been declared one of the most peaceful nations on earth. Today (November 1, 2009), the Global Symposium of Peaceful Nations named Canada "the most peaceful country in North and Central America and Caribbean region and put it in eighth place worldwide". Our ambassador to the US accepted the award at a ceremony held in Washington. Not bad to begin with, eh!

Next there's some light at the end of the economic tunnel. According to an article that appeared in the Winnipeg Free Press in October, "The economy is showing unmistakable signs of having recovered..." says one staff writer. Thumbs up there!

There's good news on the health front as well. Here's one example. Health editor, Jeremy Laurance, reported this good news in The Independent: "Two patients with inoperable prostate cancer have made dramatic recoveries after receiving one dose of an experimental drug that is creating excitement among cancer specialists." Take hope, brothers!

Then I can't forget the media. I hope your community publication includes stories of people who are building up, not tearing down...there's nothing like people supporting each other. I'm thankful ours does. Along with that I give a daily whoopee for a recently launched radio station that feeds my soul as well as my mind.

"Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news...."

Overwhelmed by bad news? Christ offers more than doom and gloom!