

On The Bright Side

*Don't be taken in by the media,
it's not all doom and gloom!*

Here's the first of the stories worth passing on.:

31 Years ago a Bangladeshi Economics lecturer wanted to demonstrate economic principles to his students after he had noticed that the theories he was teaching were not in practical evidence around him. He loaned a group of 42 women in the village adjacent to Chittagong University the equivalent of US\$27 and freed them from extortionist money-lenders. That was the start of a long and transformational journey. In 2006 he, with members of the *Grameen Bank* that he later formed, won the Nobel Peace prize. Muhammed Yunus has benefited over **100 million** families in these 31 years.. He has written 2 books, *Banker To The Poor* and *Creating a World Without Poverty—Social Business and the Future of Capitalism* and here's the link to his Nobel acceptance speech. His vision continues to materialise.

http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/2006/yunus-lecture-en.html

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