



Feeding the Hungry: Presbyterian Agricultural Missions

“...Love of mother earth is found in every country, but no where more strikingly than in India.” So said Presbyterian missionary John Goheen in an essay describing his agricultural work. This year we celebrate Heritage Sunday with the theme “The Earth is the Lord’s and All Who Live in It” (Ps. 24:1) and focus on the history of agricultural mission work in India. Agricultural missions have been, and continue to be, one way Presbyterians have demonstrated God’s love for the peoples of the earth. By bringing improved farming techniques to people of other cultures, we meet physical needs along with spiritual needs. India is one of the countries where agricultural mission work has changed people’s lives for the better.

Presbyterian Heritage Sunday has been set aside by the General Assembly of the PC(USA) as a day to celebrate, reflect upon, and learn more about the long and rich history of Presbyterianism in America. It falls on the Sunday closest to May 21, the date of the opening of the first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. in 1789. The Presbyterian Historical Society supports Heritage Sunday by using our collections to prepare resources for study and worship. For additional information on Presbyterian mission work, visit our website at:

<http://www.history.pcusa.org/cong/heritage/2003/index.html>

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About Our Photos:

Cover top: A village minister with his prize-winning rooster, Shikobad, 1952 (RG 223-4-27); **Bottom:** Cutting wheat by hand, Allahabad Agricultural Institute, 1952 (RG 223-2-78); **Above:** Village teachers learning gardening techniques, Moga, 1952 (RG 223-3-94). All photos, PHS Philadelphia.



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and the fullness thereof..”

Ps. 24:1

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