

# IN Focus

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JAKE HOY-ELSWICK

**A**T NEBRASKA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, the Global Service Learning (GSL) group fulfills their mission by performing service work at the local (monthly), national (winter break), and international (summer) levels each year. Students are selected to serve with this group each year and have worked in such places as New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and an orphanage in Russia.

In the summer of 2007, they traveled to remote Nutuvi, Panama, to construct a compost latrine and work at Nutre Hogar, a nutrition center for malnourished Panamanian children.

The students who serve in GSL live out the Nebraska Wesleyan curriculum, “Preparing for Global Citizenship.” They address many

of the inequities that exist on planet earth, including environmental issues, human rights issues, and the unequal distribution of wealth.

The photo, taken by Jake Hoy-Elswick (senior political science major from Lincoln, Nebraska) shows member Megan Hershiser (senior English major from Lawrence, Kansas) holding one of the children at Nutre Hogar. Jake writes, “Looking into the eyes of this child we nicknamed Smiles, it struck us that although this child was hungry he still embodied all the good and hope in the world.”

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