Citizenship is a 4-H curricula area that teaches youth about their individual role in society and government, and is divided into four topics: civic engagement, civic education, service, and personal development. The Global Citizenship Intern aspires to empower the area of civic education, primarily focusing on global and cultural competence, while also highlighting the other three topics.

May 28th is World Hunger Day. Around the world, 795 million people do not have enough to eat, and by 2050, the world will need to feed 9 billion people.

Did you know?

- **1 in 9 people** do not have enough food to eat
- **98% of the world’s undernourished people** live in developing countries
- **Every 10 seconds a child dies** from hunger-related diseases
- **3 million children** under the age of five die each year due to under-nutrition
- **60% of the world’s women** are hungry
- **Visit The Hunger Project** at [www.thp.org](http://www.thp.org) for more information about world hunger.

Check out the [Global Citizenship webpage](http://www.thp.org) for more ways to get involved as a global citizen!

*Dr. Norman Borlaug* - Father of the Green Revolution

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 13th

World Fair Trade Day


Join the “Be An Agent For Change” campaign

May 28th

World Hunger Day


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“Food is the moral right of all who are born into this world.”

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Imagine this: you are on a service trip in Haiti. You and your friends are at an orphanage passing out Smarties to young children, and each child is eagerly waiting (and not waiting) for their turn to finally get some candy. Yet for some of the younger children, that wait is too long; one little five-year-old girl even breaks down in tears because she is so anxious about getting the candy. As you turn around to get this little girl some candy, you see that her tears have already subsided because another girl, not much older, has taken the distressed girl on her lap and started sharing her own candy with the younger girl.

This month I had the privilege to sit down with Steven Brockshus who shared the previous global citizenship experience with me. Steven, a senior at Iowa State University and alumnus of the Ocheyedan Indians 4-H club, grew up on a dairy farm in Sibley, Iowa in Osceola County where he learned what it means to be a global citizen. During his formative 4-H years, Steven remembers doing service work in his own community such as landscaping and repairing the local baseball diamond. Learning how to serve in his own backyard inspired Steven to seek out different service opportunities. This is how he found himself in Haiti in 2013 and again in 2016.

During his time in Haiti, Steven and the group he was traveling with, GoServ Global, served in orphanages, helped locals with electrical and welding projects, and traveled the island to get to know the people and the culture. One thing that stood out to Steven during his time there was the Haitian’s care-free attitude and their mentality of simply living in the moment. Though the people did not seem to have much by American standards, their richness in community could warm anyone’s heart. At a worship service Steven attended, women in the community passed a baby around the room each taking a turn to be a comforter, further proving that it really does take a village to raise a child.

It was clear to me through my conversation with Steven that his time in Haiti has impacted his life in many different ways. After graduation, Steven plans to continue building up his business, Terva, which helps connect and inform farmers about land in their communities. He hopes that someday his business will be able to benefit those all over the world, even the people he met in Haiti! When I asked Steven if he had any advice for 4-Hers on how to become a global citizen, he said to read books, check out YouTube videos on people’s lives, make friends with someone of a different background, and start helping the people around you. When you start helping people, you can’t imagine the places that it will take you!