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Meena Karki '06 BSN, kneeling, with her nephew, sister, grandparents and mother, in Nepal.

ON THE COVER: **Jessica Compton '07 BA** in Teotihuacan, Mexico, on a study-abroad experience in 2007. This photo is one of the winners of NMU's inaugural international photo contest.