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Atkinson, who grew up in North Dakota, founded The GODS CHILD Project in 1991 to educate and care for orphaned, abandoned, and impoverished children in Antigua, Guatemala. His original vision has since grown into 13 distinct programs dedicated to creating sustainable and permanent change in the lives of the worlds poorest people.

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When I started GOD'S CHILD, I never could have imagined the international social movement that the Project would become, Atkinson said.

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More than 5,000 children and nearly 8,700 mothers and their dependents receive services from The GODS CHILD Project. The organizations holistic approach to breaking the generational poverty cycle includes free education, health and dental care, psychological care, legal representation, food and clothing donations, and housing. GODS CHILD also combats human trafficking, childhood malnutrition, gang violence, and homelessness in some of the worlds most vulnerable communities.

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It is an honor to receive praise from the White House for the work The GODS CHILD Project has quietly been doing for two decades, Atkinson said. While it is humbling to know that the President is familiar with our work, that is not why we serve the poor. We work hard every day simply because every person on earth deserves the same basic human rights: education, food, shelter, and dignity.

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About The GODS CHILD Project: The GODS CHILD Project is a registered 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to Breaking the chains of poverty through education and formation. Since its founding by Patrick Atkinson in 1991, The GODS CHILD Project has grown into 13 distinct programs dedicated to creating sustainable and permanent change in the lives of the worlds poorest people. To volunteer with The GODS CHILD Project or to make a donation, call 701-255-7956 or visit [www.GodsChild.org](http://www.GodsChild.org).

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## Image Gallery



GOD'S CHILD founder/executive director Patrick Atkinson celebrates the nonprofit's 20th anniversary with Guatemalan children from the Project.



[Pat with kids.jpg](#)

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