

The Scheel International Technical Training Center

A Program of The GOD'S CHILD Project



The Scheel Center is located near a gang-run neighborhood and slum in Jocotenango, a troubled community bordering Antigua, Guatemala. The Scheel Center serves the most disadvantaged and vulnerable students in the area. Most of the 125 students currently enrolled at the Scheel Center come from very troubled homes and backgrounds. Many escape drugs, prostitution, or gang violence to pursue a lifelong dream of education.

The Scheel International Technical Training Center provides disadvantaged youth with the tools for long-term success.

The Scheel Center houses an accelerated elementary school program for students who are older than school age (some begin first grade at age 12 or 13) and a technical and vocational high school designed to provide students with relevant, marketable experience and skills in woodworking, cooking, gardening, and computers. Students graduate with the ability to obtain meaningful employment and break the cycle of extreme poverty in their lives and the lives of their family members. 10 teachers and several long-term volunteers assist with classroom and extra-curricular activities.

The Scheel Center also provides meals, dental care (through the Center's own dentist and dental office) and psychological counseling (by the Center's own psychologist) for the many abused and troubled children enrolled in classes. The Scheel Center "Mother's Club" offers health education and household skills training to 100 local women.

In January 2011, The Scheel Center will enter its fourth year of operation.

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The Scheel Center Approach

- Standard Education
- Specialized Technical Training
- Community Building



Scheel Center Expenses, FY2011 (est.)

- \$133,136 Educational Costs
- \$76,650 Staff Salaries
- **\$210,000** Total Expense



The Scheel Center Family

- **125** Eager Students
- **10** Dedicated Teachers
- **5** Supporting Staff Members
- **5 to 15** Long-term Volunteers



The GOD'S CHILD Project, a Bismarck, North Dakota-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded by Patrick Atkinson in 1991 and has served more than 12,000 Guatemalans since its inception. The mission of The GOD'S CHILD Project is "to break the bitter chains of poverty through education and formation."