CHURCH OF CHRIST IN ATALAYA
Cucuta, Colombia

Milton and Martha Castillo



Milton was born and raised in Honduras, where he grew up attending church and was baptized at the age of 18 in La Ceiba. He went on to serve as a volunteer leader, working with youth and young adults. During his time serving the church in La Ceiba, he met Martha, a children's Bible class teacher. Their shared faith led them to fall in love, and they were married in 2011.



In 2013, Milton and Martha moved to Baxter to further their training, graduating in December 2016. The following month, they relocated to Cúcuta, Colombia, where they helped plant a church as part of a GCM-trained mission team. By God's blessing, that church has grown to around 180 members.

In 2025, they moved to Atalaya—a metropolitan area of approximately 400,000 people—to begin planting another church. Milton and Martha have two children, Emily (13) and Matías (7).

2026 Strategy and Plan

We are very excited to present our work plan for the year 2026. We pray that the Lord will guide us in this new year to reach more people for His Kingdom.

1. Next year's theme will be as follows.
    a. *The Community of the Kingdom*
    b. Luke 17:20-21: When the Pharisees asked him when the Kingdom of God would come, he replied, "The Kingdom of God will not come with signs to be observed; nor will people say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For the Kingdom of God is among you."

Our goals for 2026 are:



1. To have 70 members.
2. 20 baptisms.
3. To raise funds to have our own facility.
4. Training all church leaders.
5. Obtaining legal status.
6. Use the meeting place for social projects for the community.

We will work in different areas of the church, with evangelism as our priority. As the Lord adds servants to the church and equips them with gifts, these areas will be addressed.

1. Four main areas of the church.
   a. Evangelism.
   b. Edification.
   c. Worship.
   d. Social Ministry.



Various activities will be held next year.

1. Ministry activities.
   a. Fasting and prayer (three times a year)
   b. Vigil. (During Holy Week)
   c. Church anniversary. (December 6)
   d. Friendship Day (September)
   e. Monthly evangelism.
   f. Monthly meeting for youth and teenagers.
   g. Congregational sharing.
2. Cultural activities.
   a. Easter Week.
   b. Father's Day.
   c. Mother’s Day.
   d. Children’s Day.

We are happy because many brothers and sisters want to see the church grow and are serving in different areas. Next year, we will meet with the ministry team at least three times a year (April, August, and December) with the goal of praying, fellowshipping, evaluating the progress of the ministry, providing training, and discussing the church’s future plans. From the first meeting, the following topics emerged to be addressed in upcoming ministry team meetings:

1. New ministry in Estoraques.
2. Preparation of the ministry team.
3. Purchase of a building for the church.
4. Discipline in the church.
5. The church’s social ministry.
6. Establish all legal documentation for the church.