

Family Makeup

Mateo's life is rooted in deep family ties within Chiapas. He was born in **Ranchería Bahtzibiltic** to parents Manuel Aguilar Demeza and Victoria Vázquez Aguilar. In 1988, he married **Martina Sanchez Perez**, who is originally from Tapachula.

Together, they have two children:

- **Priscila Aguilar Sanchez:** Born January 4, 1990.
- **Luis Aguilar Sanchez:** Born April 10, 1994.

Mateo is also a **grandfather**, and despite facing personal challenges such as marital and congregational divisions in the past, he and Martina have remained committed to their family and their calling through their faith.

Ministry and Purpose

Mateo's ministry is a linguistically and culturally focused mission dedicated to the **Tzeltal Maya** people. After graduating from the Center for Theological Studies of the Southeast in 1990, he dedicated his life to spreading the gospel in the native tongue of his community.

Key Aspects of His Work:

- **Geographic Reach:** He actively oversees and works within **19 congregations** spread across four major municipalities: Ocosingo, Chilón, Altamirano, and Oxchuc.
- **Radio Ministry:** A cornerstone of his ministry is his **radio show 3 days a week**, where he speaks native Tzeltal Maya. This allows him to reach a broader audience of brothers and sisters who communicate most effectively in their indigenous language.
- **Rural Ministry:** Mateo travels to various **agricultural towns** and rural areas (such as Bahtzibiltic, Emiliano Zapata, and Guadalupe) to provide spiritual support to those living in hard to reach communities.
- **Pastoral Care and Visitation:** Mateo frequently talks about the people he visits throughout the month who are struggling with physical ailments or are needing encouragement to help uplift their faith.