



ALLIANCE MISSIONARY PASTOR RAFAEL MILAGRES



- *Outreach initiatives for the community in and around Puerto Barrios*
- *Word and Sacrament ministry for the local congregation*
- *Chaplain for the local Lutheran School*

Brazilian Pastor Rafael Milagres has served in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala, as the chaplain for a Lutheran school and a church planter since 2021. He co-pastors Christ the Savior Lutheran Church with a Guatemalan pastor and has begun outreach work for a brand-new church plant.

Rev. Milagres was brought up in the Roman Catholic Church, but he had questions that led him to dig deeper into the Scriptures and seek a church body with more biblical teachings. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil (IELB) provided answers to all his questions. He studied theology at the university level,

and with encouragement from his Lutheran pastor, he began his formal pastoral formation at the Lutheran University of Brazil in 2015. He was ordained in 2021 and called by the IELB to serve as an Alliance Missionary in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala.

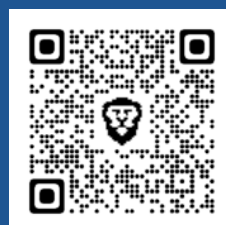
Pastor Rafael and his wife Lucia, a fellow convert to Lutheranism, married in 2005. Their daughter Mariana, born in 2011, attends the school at which her dad serves. Pastor Milagres and his family take walks together often, and Rafael, a fishing enthusiast, appreciates Puerto Barrios' bayside setting.

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