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(Translated from Spanish by Google.)
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She is 38 years old.

She speaks French, English and Spanish, graduated in modern languages and worked for many years as a teacher, teaching Spanish classes to foreigners of different nationalities. She also worked as a hotel supervisor in some hotels in her home country.

She migrated eight years ago together with her husband Enrique Gómeza to Ecuador and initially lived in the Montañita commune where Carolina began working as an administrator and head waiter at the TIKILIMBO restaurant. A little more than a year later, her work ended in this place and she arrived at the commune of Olón.

On the advice of a friend, who referred her and her husband at a job, it was the EL PIRATA pizzeria, its owner, Cesar Capelli, gave them the first opportunity to work, taking into account Enrique Gómez's previous knowledge as a baker.

With the passing of Rempo, they became good friends and trust increased to the point of making an agreement where the couple would open the pizzeria in the mornings for the sale of bread and canned the pizzeria with their managers in the afternoon. Functions of both jobs, the work in Curia consisted of taking care of the maintenance of the house while its owners were away. This was a redemption since they lived in the house and avoided paying a monthly rent in exchange for taking care of it.

On one occasion, they heard about the sale of bakery equipment that a man was going to have who would close a business. Carolina and her husband thought she was a good opportunity so they decided to make a loan to the owner of the house, invest in the bakery that they cared for and were able to acquire their first ovens to make bread.

They were taken to the pizza parlor and continued with the deal, but little by little they realized that it was not working since many people still saw the place as just a pizza parlor.

Enrique boldly made the decision to start going out into the street with a tray to sell his bread, an action with which he began to become known more by the community.

With the birth of their first child, Iker, in 2017, they were forced to look for more income and a fixed sale, which is why Carolina decided to make one more loan again, this time to the lady with whom she worked as a translator at the time. With this money, they were able to rent their first store and taking advantage of the Black Friday promotions and ended up buying the supplies they made for them.

They started "ENTREMASAS" in December 2017. This name was inspired by connecting the different parts of doughs that were made in the place and the concept to refer to the people.

Carolina cared for her newborn baby at home and took care of the maintenance of the home in Curia.

When her son was three months old, she began to help her husband in the bakery and continued with the demanding obligations at full time, taking care of their baby Iker and helping Enrique in the bakery who is of Venezuelan nationality

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In 2020, they made the decision to look for a larger and more comfortable place and settle down to live in Olón so as not to be from one place to another. In that same year, her husband suffered a deterioration of health, with an illness that left him very serious and unable to work. He went there where Carolina found himself in need of opening his locale since it had been closed for a month to get charge of it empirically.

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Generating employment two more people who support you on specific days where sales are usually demanding.