# THE CERNA FAMILY

## MISSIONARIES IN EL SALVADOR

June 2026

Dear praying friends,

As we reflect on how the Lord has worked in and through us over the past couple of months, our greatest reaction is that of gratitude. God continues to open doors for us to share the Gospel with others, He never ceases to work in the hearts of people, and He gives us the strength to continue the ministry that He has entrusted to us.

At the end of May, we made our bi-annual visit to the dentist. Christine and I normally have cleanings every six months. During that visit, we discovered that one of us needed more dental work than normal. So, we have been coming to the dentist over the past several weeks. Please pray for the salvation of our dentist Enrique Melara and his son Eduardo (also a dentist who works with his father). We have known them for many years now, and I have been praying for them daily for a long time. God has given me the privilege of sharing the Gospel with them several times. Thankfully, they always listen to what I have to say. They are intelligent men who do not easily forget things that I have told them.

The Lord continues to work here in our neighborhood. Although Caleb has been in the States for the past couple of months, the Lord has used Joshua to impact the neighborhood friends. Continue to pray for Mario (19). He came to church again this past Sunday. Although God uses our boys to invite others to church, this time Mario came without being prompted! Please pray that the Word of God would penetrate his heart and that he would be born again.

This past Sunday, we celebrated Father's Day at church. We prayed for and gave a present to all the fathers in attendance. Although it was a most encouraging service, I continue to be burdened for some that were not in attendance. Please pray for Rolando Pacheco (65). He is a graduate of our Bible institute and one of our most faithful members since almost the beginning of our ministry in Santa Ana. He has been ill for the past two months, showing signs of a sort of dementia. Also, please pray for Carlos (38). He has been coming (on average twice per month) with his family to our services over the past several years. His wife (Evelin) is the only person in the family who professes to be a believer. My wife continues to teach English to their two children (Carlitos and Sara) once per week. It is our prayer that God's Word would bring conviction to Carlos and his children.

The Lord continues to open doors with our children in the States. Rosa has been working in a Christian camp in Oklahoma. Not only is the camp allowing her to develop her skills in media, but she is growing spiritually as she ministers to teenagers and children. Caleb has been working very hard this summer. Some members of my mother-in-law's church have hired him to do yardwork. During the first month in Florida, he was busier than we thought he would be. Please pray that the Lord will continue to guide our children in His will. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Yours in Christ,
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