

fund that could be sent to single Moms & PG's to help them with any needs they might have. Of course, this isn't always necessary, but it might be especially helpful where social benefits aren't available. Perhaps some parents like in England or Australia where they do receive social benefits could donate a little each month to parents on the field. I believe they would help if they knew more of the need.—Shem & Zeal.

MIDEAST

RIPHATH & CYPRUS: Tho' we only have one child, Mercy Iman-1 year, the Lord has been teaching me a lot of lessons over the past year that I'd like to share. During the 1st 6 months of Mercy's life we lived in 5 different countries, & we didn't live in any one place for more than 3 weeks—quite an experience! We learned so much about travelling with a small baby!

ONE THING THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE for us to travel easily was the fact that our baby was totally breastfed for the first 6 months & she is still nursing at one year of age. Besides the convenience of breastfeeding, I am convinced that breast milk has helped Mercy to stay healthy throughout our many climatic changes.

I REALLY FEEL THAT THE "WOMANLY ART OF BREASTFEEDING" is a lost art in the Family & the mothers (especially new mothers) could use more encouragement along this line. I am so glad breastfeeding is recommended in the Tech Letters! Many mothers have told me that they didn't want to breastfeed their babies because they were too tied down & couldn't go out FF'ing too much. This is a decision, I suppose, that each mother

has to make for herself, but I have seen many little children & babies neglected by mothers who only wanted to push the responsibility of their children off on others & spend their time "free" of the children out FF'ing & having fun.

I LOVE TO TAKE CARE OF MERCY & I also do all the cooking, shopping & housework which keeps me quite busy. It wasn't until I got the Letter "Questions From the Field" tho', that I had a peace about putting the baby first even if it meant that I couldn't get out FF'ing.

IN OPEN FIELDS, I REALLY ENJOYED LITNESSING with the baby once or twice a day—& mostly because of her charm I was often the lit shiner of the Home!

THE DAVIDITO LETTERS HAVE BEEN A TREMENDOUS HELP & encouragement. They, along with the Bible & Mo Letters are a tremendous guide for raising our children. They are the foundation with which we can measure other information, books & advice. Because we have travelled quite a bit, I have been able to obtain or read many of the recommended books & I have found them to be very helpful & inspiring.

To cut down on luggage, I found it helpful to take notes on some of the books, some of which I merely checked out of the library. I only carry around the books that I want to re-read & refer to constantly. In every country we have lived we have found the British Consul to have a good library.

I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO PUBLISH CONDENSATIONS of some of the recommended books. I have met some mothers who don't weigh these other system books against the Dito & Family Care

material. For example, one mother was potty training her 3-month-old because she read it in the Dr. Bundeson book. Another mother would leave her 2-month-old to scream in his bed because Dr. Turtle said that if they weren't wet or hungry that they were "fussing unnecessarily". These are, of course, exceptions. But the condensations would also be good for mothers who can't get some of the recommended material.

NORTH AMERICA

RENEE CANADA; CANADA: (6 children & 1 one the way!) We're ever so thankful for the Davidito series & all the other things coming out from Family Care. All the art project ideas we'll be putting into practice as the weather gets colder & the snows come.

NOW HARVEST, OUR HELPER, DOES A LOT OF THE TEACHING while I take the littles ones for long walks. Having someone to help with the children eases the pressure so much & I can enjoy the children & go slower with them & calm down. It gives me more faith that others in the Family really believe that the children are important, & it isn't just the words in black & white.

I THINK A REAL CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE THE SINGLE PEOPLE to help the families would really benefit everybody & unite the Family much more. I & the children really appreciated the time Delia was with us, too, in Spain. We had lots of fun & she had all kinds of ideas. My 7th will be born soon!

P.S. FROM HARVEST: Now we have another couple with 4 children living with us, so it's a full house with 10,

almost 11, children, plus 5 adults! But we're doing it because both families have a burden to leave for the mission fields again & the two Daddies have jobs. So living together, we can share expenses & save a little faster to split! So we are busy, busy, busy teaching & training the children, & I love it! We all do!—Harvest.

EUROPE

RESSEPH & SARA; (2 children ages 3½ & 2.) We have felt free in our convictions about the blessings of part-time service (we're IRF'ers) in order to provide more of a home for the children & to provide their needs. We litness & witness a little & are convicted about doing more.

IT'S GOOD TO HAVE A HOME TO COME BACK TO & not to have to drag the children around nearly every day litnessing to survive. We see good fruit—the children are happy, fairly obedient rascals, & we hope we're doing a good enough job bringing them up in the nurture & admonition of the Lord. Thank God for the Letter "Children in the World" again renewing the vision of what to emphasise.

THE PRACTICAL SIDE OF THE DAVIDITO LETTERS help the most—teaching tips, nutrition etc. As to how the rearing of our children could be improved, it seems that the NRS, in helping families get established in more permanent situations will bear good fruit. I believe the children really benefit from a more permanent environment. Mo had a caravan, but in a sense it was a permanent home.

WE HAVEN'T SEEN GOOD FRUIT IN CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS STAY "ON THE ROAD" with them.

moving from place to place without some kind of travelling home such as a caravan.

ONE QUESTION: Once the fruit of being "mated" gives you children, it becomes permanent, doesn't it? That's the way we read Mo! Is this correct or no? We question because we have seen examples of Family members who don't regard the responsibilities of parenthood as primary (& so to speak permanent). Mated can mean temporary, but what about their children? In conclusion, Sara & I are more than happy for our marriage, the love God's given us for the children & the children for us. We couldn't have a greater blessing!—Resseph & Sara.

LYNN, SINGLE MOM IN FRANCE: (4 girls ages 14 mo. to 5 years.) For the last couple of months there has just been Mary (my sweet helper) & I here with the 4 children, with various different brethren passing thru'.

YOU ASK WHAT IS OUR GREATEST HELP & ENCOURAGEMENT: Well, obviously apart from the Lord, with-out whom we couldn't survive a single day, & Mo, whose words mean everything to me, I would say without a doubt Dan & Chanson (another couple in the same city) & Andre, the V.S.. They've lifted me up a thousand times when I fell, took care of my children like their own.

THE 2 OLDEST HAVE BEEN ATTENDING SCHOOL here for the last 6 or 7 months & Leila-2½ for the last couple of months in the mornings only. Their French has improved incredibly. They speak French now almost as well as English. But I found they were being really well indoctrinated by the System & not at all enough by the Bible.

Then one caught scarlet fever & the other came down with head lice which the Lord showed me was like a manifestation of the bad spirits she had picked up.

I REALLY AGREE WITH "ARE YOUR CHILDREN BECOMING ONE?", but unfortunately my children are lacking in many ways in their spiritual training. So for the last few weeks I've been keeping them at home & trying to give them school myself. The children now have daily devotions with Bible & Mo Letters, flannelgraphs, as well as our being firmer with their discipline & not letting them get away with bad behaviour.

THE DAVIDITO LETTERS: Yes, they're a real help. Sometimes tho', the gulf between them & the way my children live seems so wide. You ask how the Family could help. More publications, yes. But nothing changes me like a personal visit from someone really loving & concerned.—Lynn.

DAVID & CLAIRE; FRANCE: (3 children, ages 4 mo. to 5 years.) The 2 oldest have been in a school for a few months, just a small school a few minutes' walk from the home & it's been a fantastic experience for us all. They've grown a lot in every way & us too!

AT FIRST BECAUSE THEY HAD DIFFICULTY in communicating in French, they both got pretty pushy with their classmates to the point of pulling their hair, kicking, fighting etc. We talked with their teachers who were very understanding & both went out of their way to help the girls. Now 6 months later, they speak really good French & sing out boldly & are really inspired.

THEY APPRECIATE

FAMILY SO MUCH MORE now & they clearly see the difference between the Family & the System. They have a lot of conviction now & really "stand up for Jesus". It has been a real answer to send them to school as I felt so bad about not being able to meet their needs. I know sending them to school has made us all see the need of pouring Jesus into them even more.

IT HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO TRY TO APPLY THE SPIRIT OF THE DAVIDITO LETTERS & it has borne so much fruit in all of our lives. I am really beginning to see more & more of the vision of why our kids are going to be so used in the Endtime, & I want to have as many as God gives me.

AS FAR AS WORKING FOR THE LORD WITH THE CHILDREN, we are both really happy to be on the field with the kids as full-timers & certainly want to keep on with our growing troop of little "soldiers for Jesus". It is so inspiring to see we can do so much & still take good care of the kids too, if we all work together. Things are so much better now, with 5 kids in the Home than it ever was with just 2, now that the Family has so much more love & understanding for the kids.—David & Claire.

ZEBEDIAH & SILOAM; FRANCE: (4 children.) You asked what the greatest encouragement to me is. I can honestly say it's when I see someone with a real burden for the kids! It even makes me cry sometimes when I see someone really working with the kids & loving them & understanding them.

YES, THE DAVIDITO LETTERS ARE SO ENCOURAGING. The verses in "Feed My

Lambs" part 2 are really a blessing. I've made little booklets & write the verse on the right page & on the left page the kids & us draw pictures about the verse to illustrate its meaning. They learn a verse every day easily & really know what it means too!

HEPHER & SARA: (2 children, ages 6 years & 6 months.) Ammi-6 is in school & loves it. She had no problems in adjusting & has picked up the language in the local accent.

THE GREATEST ENCOURAGEMENT LATELY has been the series "God's Gift is God's Work". I like the Davidito Letters showing Sara's loving sample that caused a revolution in childcare within the Family.

WE ARE RECEIVING FAMILY ALLOWANCE from the government & are meeting the needs of our children. Thank you so much for your love & concern.—Hepher & Sara.

YANINA: (Single mother of 2 Jesus' babies, ages 19 mo. & 4 mo.) I feel they are a blessing & asset in everything we do & am very happy to have them. Besides taking care of the children, I go out litnessing every day with one of them & nearly every evening FF'ing.

I LOVE THE DAVIDITO LETTERS, they are so helpful, convicting & giving a standard. Sometimes I get a bit discouraged when I see how much Davidito could do at Isaac's age, but it just spurs me to do better.

I THINK WE COULD IMPROVE A BIT in our care of the children by trying to make more time in the schedule to plan out projects, do special things to teach them etc. We've been working on giving the children more Word, like flannel-

graphs, tapes at bedtime, & it's been bearing good fruit.

LATIN AMERICA

SHAUL & ABIAH: (3 children.) We've heard excellent comments on the Dito Letters which stress that he too makes mistakes & isn't perfect. Some parents have mentioned that they feel Davidito is a special case, since he gets such individual attention & several even felt that he gets opportunities that their children don't have a chance to get. (Because of the King & the special opportunities his 4 had, these parents now have special opportunities—a new life, with a new Family, new God—special opportunities others don't have & never will! Do they want a Royal Family or don't they! Of course Davidito has "special opportunities", but for God's sake we're not writing about him to brag about him, but to help them. Of course their children can't be exactly like him, but they can learn from our examples of training him!—M&M.) For the most part, nearly all the parents really love the Dito Letters & are really thankful for them, particularly for the detailed descriptions of each age & stage, & the few we've seen to be critical often just need encouragement to really get in to the Letters to find the solutions to their own children's needs & problems.

SOME PARENTS IN DIFFICULT CONDITIONS really do need helpers, which are often hard to find, all of which makes the physical & practical organisation of things difficult. But faithful witnessing parents such as Boaz & Kidron in Bolivia w/ their 5, Sos & Ahlai in Brasil w/ their 4 & many others have proven that it can be done & that our families can be some of our greatest witnesses. Two

families in one country with 7 children between them are setting up a Christian kindergarten & Mommy Sharon is giving natural childbirth lessons. A book containing her birth testimony is soon to be published!

ALL THE BRETHREN IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC are fine after Hurricane David killed 1,000 & did a billion dollars worth of damage. The brethren were living on

their survival food while the poor systemites were starving due to their lack of preparation.

PARENTS NEED TIPS ON HOW TO REACT IN NATURAL DISASTERS & need to be prepared in advance to grab the children & run. A very heavy tremor hit here last week & woke us up to how real such imminent disasters are, & we found the need to have already

planned out who is going to grab which child etc.

JOHN & REJOICE ARE NOW IN QUITO, ECUADOR. They went thru' Colombia to get there & got robbed, arrived in Quito & came down with hepatitis & some of their kids got bronchitis. Please pray for them! They're real fighters & not about to let a thing like that get them down.

Knew Disciples

"He knew his wife & she conceived & bare a child" (Gen. 4:1).

PACIFIC
GIRL—Megumi ("Grace" in English), to Paul & Lovelight; Japan—17/8.
BOY—Daniel, 1st to Zaccur & Jasmine Baker; Australia—July.
BOY—Chris Philip, 1st to Cedar & Melanie; Hong Kong—July.
GIRL—Monica, 1st to Michael & Deborah Artist; Indonesia—July.
GIRL—Naomi, 1st to Samuel & Alice Gypsy; Japan—July.
GIRL—Mary, 2nd to Happy & Gypsy; Japan—July.
BOY—Little Ezra, to Sara Praise; Japan—July.
BOY—Shane, 1st to Avak & Rachel Byron; Malaysia—July.
GIRL—Laura, 1st to Paul & Rachel; Philippines—July.
GIRL—Wendy Rose, 5th child & 1st girl to Eli & Ephesians; Guam—July.
BOY—Nathan, 1st to Lola & Ian; Australia—28/7.
BOY—Vincent Paul, 6th to John & Ruth; Australia—13/8.
GIRL—Cassandra, 1st to Jeremiah & Deborah; Australia—10/7.
GIRL—Elxir, 1st to Gabriel & Sheba; Hong Kong—29/7.
BOY—Immanuel Cromwell, 1st to Josh & Heidi; Indonesia—16/6.



MIDEAST, ASIA, AFRICA

GIRL—Usha, 1st to Apollos & Spring; India—30/4.
BOY—Nathaniel Joseph, 2nd to Marty & Joppe; Mideast—3/7.
BOY—Benjamin Zafer (Victory), 4th to Jair & Meshel; Mideast—10/9.
BOY—Jonathan, 1st to Emanuel & Mary; Scotland (Bangladesh furloughers)—2/8.
BOY—Jonathan Giacomo, 1st to Elia & Freedom; England (Mideast furloughers)—1/8.
BOY—Joseph Gabriel, 2nd to David & Sarah Freed; Mideast—August.

LATIN AMERICA
GIRL—Linda Elena, 3rd to Michael & Rebecca Daysman; Mexico—Aug.

BOY—David, 1st to Maria Victoria; Ecuador—Aug.
GIRL—Rute, 2nd to Priscilla; Brasil—21/8.
BOY—Hezron, Jr., to Hezron & Ruth; Venezuela—29/7.
BOY—Luis, 1st to Larena; Venezuela—29/7.
GIRL—Claudia Carolina, 2nd to Pedro & Ruth Godspell; Brasil—18/8.
GIRL—Michelle, 3rd to Gideon & Sara; Mexico—2/7.
GIRL—Virginia, 2nd to Bar & Ophel; Jamaica—Aug.
GIRL—Nicole Michelle, 1st to Robin; Costa Rica—17/8.

EUROPE

BOY—Tommy Gabriele, 1st to Samuele & Maria; Italy—12/7.
BOY—David, 1st to Starlight; Italy—22/7.
BOY—Simone, 1st to Marco & Liria; Italy—9/8.
GIRL—Naomi Dove, 1st to Francesco & Tabitha; Italy—31/8.
BOY—Stefano, 1st to Maria Betanio; Italy—22/8.
BOY—Ivan, 1st to Samuel & Lydia; Italy—6/8.
GIRL—Christiana Petra, 1st to Jacobus & Rebekah; Holland—3/8.
GIRL—Elisabeth, 1st to Dance; Holland—1/8.
BOY—Andreas, 4th to Habakuk & Schafchen Sunshine; W. Germany—30/3/79.