

WAS ACTING VERY JEALOUS and offended because I was spending time in my bedroom with the newborn. Daddy said he didn't blame Davidito at all! When he first visited me at the clinic to see the new baby he was real happy with the idea, but he certainly didn't think that I would bring that baby home!

20. SO HE COMPLETELY IGNORED THE NEWBORN, just as he did little Angelina when she lived with us. It wasn't until the baby was about 10 months old that Davidito began to approve and appreciate her presence. Quite honestly, I was worried about how he would act toward the newborn because he is so very jealous and was used to my fulltime attention. (Now, at 3, he's in love with her!)

21. LEARNING AND ADJUSTING TO CARING FOR YOUR OWN FIRST CHILD IS QUITE AN EXPERIENCE, even if

you're used to taking care of children. Dad said, "Some mothers just fall apart when they have their first baby. They have to adjust to a new fulltime job, as well as learn how to schedule their other tasks in the Home."

22. WELL, IT TOOK ME QUITE SOME ADJUSTING--I'LL SAY THAT. Little Davida Maria hardly slept at all, day or night, and I was almost a nervous wreck in just a couple of weeks' time. So Lynn was a real blessing to have there to help with the new baby (and Alfred!) so that I could get back into fulltime care for Davidito.

23. DAD AND MARIA MADE IT REAL CLEAR TO ME THAT I HAD A CHOICE BETWEEN WHICH CHILD TO TAKE FULL-TIME CARE OF. The Lord certainly knew my heart and burden was with the Little Prince, and all things

worked together for good, PTL. **WHEW!** We both passed the test and everyone was happy together again!



24. BEHAVIOUR AND DISCIPLINE: DAVIDITO HAS GOT TO BE THE MOST EXPRESSIVE CHILD EVER! He hardly spoke a word at 14 months old, but still used that mysterious little sign language in every single thing that he did. Alfred said as a passing comment, "I wonder if he's tired?". Davidito immediately fell to the floor, cuddled up with his hands under his head and his bottom sticking up, pretending he was asleep, just to show us he was ready for his nap.

25. HE HAS SUCH AMAZING HAND AND FACIAL EXPRESSIONS THAT HE DOESN'T EVEN NEED TO TALK because we all interpret his grunts and hand motions. Just when he was preparing to have a nap one day the guitar fell over and he just would not settle down until it was put upright again. He stood up in bed



and looked at it, while whining and holding out his hand, then turned his hand up and over again and again to show Sally that the guitar must be put up in the right position again, then he lay down to sleep.

26. IT'S AMAZING HOW HE UNDERSTANDS AND FOLLOWS THROUGH ON VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS. When he gets in a bind somehow, I can say, "Go around" or "Step backwards" or "Crawl under", etc., and he always does just what I say, thank the Lord!

27. HE IS IN A STAGE OF THROWING THINGS AND GETS HAND SLAPS almost daily for doing so. Once when I slapped his hand for throwing food at the table, he revengefully threw a handful smack in my face, so I really whacked him doubly hard, and he learned his lesson!

28. ANOTHER TIME HE TOOK TWO HANDFULS OF SAND AND THREW THEM AT DAVE. But he immediately felt so convicted that he hurried to brush it off and gave him a big hug, as if to say "I'm sorry!" real quick!

29. IF HE DOES SOMETHING THAT HE KNOWS IS BAD AND IS REALLY SORRY for doing, he is so affected by it that he worries and whines and grabs your hand in both of his in apology. Many times he doesn't require a spank for bad behaviour, because when he sees that he has hurt something or disobeyed, it's punishment enough for him because of the strong conviction in his heart. He's truly repentant and sensitive.



30. AT THE GROCERY STORE, A LITTLE GIRL PUT HER DIRTY ICE CREAM STICK into Dito's mouth, but when I attempted to take it out, he clenched his teeth shut tight and refused to let it go! It was like struggling to get a bone out of a dog's mouth! A neighbour woman tried to pitch in and help and started to put her finger in his mouth when I said, "Watch out, he's got 16 teeth!"--and she couldn't get it out either! He cried so hard when she began tugging on it that we finally were able to pull it out of his open mouth. He's really strong in body and will! I guess I should have