

people more, which is another reason why educational excursions are profitable. We reviewed a lot of his Spanish vocabulary, but of course he is quite shy about speaking it aloud to the gardener or visitors, for example.

23. **HE'S CONTINUALLY PRAISING THE LORD & SHOWING A GREAT LOVE FOR OTHERS.** Whenever he leaves us to go to Mommy, for example, he never for-



gets to turn around & say, "I love you, Sara!" He really is one of the most loving children, as well as the most obedient & intelligent.



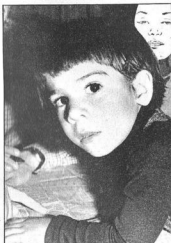
A goodnight prayer with sweet Mommy after our first Church of Love in the Home, in Madrid.

that I or anyone who has ever been around him, has ever seen!

24. **"THANK YOU DAD & MARIA FOR THE WONDERFUL PRIVILEGE OF HELPING CARE FOR LITTLE DAVID.**

I love you very, very much & hope that I can be much more of a help & blessing to you than I have been. God bless & keep you! Love, Sara. (She's a tremendous blessing & an amazing teacher

for our very young child prodigy, who keeps her hopping to keep up with him! God bless her!—And him!—Dad.)



Aren't they beautiful?—What a Family!

"THINGS WE DID IN MADRID!"—Chapter 52

1. **RECENT CHANGES & NEW INTERESTS: WE'RE ON A LATE SCHEDULE AGAIN!—BEDTIME AT 1:30 A.M.**—but it works out very well that Dito keeps the same schedule that we all do, & this way we're always together! We have moved two times in the last month, & our brave little pioneer has taken the changes very well, considering that we moved from a farm house in the country to two city apartments, then to another private home in only six weeks!

2. **HE LOVES TO PRETEND & HAS BEEN MUCH MORE DRAMATIC & EXPRESSIVE LATELY.** That imagination of his can think up some wild tales in an instant! Once when we were all gathered in the living room to talk with Mommy & Daddy he was sitting on the floor marking on paper with a black felt-tip pen, when suddenly Daddy noticed that the stool which he was using as a writing table had big black marks on it! We all looked on horrified & Daddy asked, "Son, where did those marks come from?"

3. **"HMMM, I THINK A KITTY CAT CAME IN HERE & SNEAKED IN & GOT IN THIS BOX RIGHT HERE (of office supplies) & chased a mouse & got this pen marked all over here, right here, I think so, a big one, a big kitty cat!"** We had to turn our heads to keep from laughing aloud & we didn't exactly know what Daddy would do, but he burst out laughing too!

4. **A GOOD LESSON WE LEARNED FROM THIS WAS THAT YOU CANNOT DISCIPLINE A CHILD UNLESS YOU'RE POSITIVE** you have seen his in the act of doing wrong. Many children have been known to hold a grudge against their parents for unjust punishment, & since we did not see him do it & we're not sure the marks weren't already there, we just let it pass. Still he knew we didn't OK it.

5. **ANOTHER NEW INTEREST IS IN SAVING HIS OWN MONEY.** The Lord did a "little miracle" to increase his faith when we were walking through a store & he spotted on the ground 100 pesetas, his favourite number lately! I wasn't sure what was the best thing to do, whether to turn the money in to the sales clerk or not. We looked around & did not see anyone who could have dropped the money, so I told him to pray & ask the Lord what He thought he should do with it as I continued shopping.

6. **A FEW MINUTES LATER HE SAID, "I THINK THE LORD WANTS ME TO KEEP IT!"** So he folded it up real small, stuck it in his pocket & off we went! (& Daddy said later that was a good decision).

2 years 9 months October 1977 Madrid He kept walking through the store patting his pocket to make sure it was still there & looking around as if he was trying to decide what to buy. Then later he led me back to the hardware section of the store, where he had been before with Alfred, & pointed out a huge, gargantuan lawn mower & said,

7. **"THIS IS WHAT THE LORD WANTS ME TO BUY!"** He pulled out his 100 pesetas, "I have my own money, look!" I tried to convince him in a nice way that the lawn mower was awfully expensive & big to take home & we didn't have a garden to mow, this & that, but he kept trying to convince me:

8. **"I'M PRETTY STRONG, LOOK, FEEL MY MUSCLES!"** He even showed me the artificial grass on the same display, thinking that we should buy the grass so he would have reason to take the lawn mower home, ha!—But he finally gave up.

9. **A SPANISH SISTERS, CARMEN, HAS JOINED OUR HOME STAFF & TRIES TO TEACH DITO SPANISH** when possible. He's met many new people in our newest home including the Spanish gardener who greeted Dito one day saying, "Buenos dias! Are you & I the only Spaniards here?"

9. **WHEN WE FIRST MOVED TO THIS NEW HOUSE, ALFRED STAYED BEHIND IN THE OTHER APARTMENT & Dito cried for him when he talked to him on the phone.** We noticed that Dito was acting much more defiant & rebellious & really unhappy for the first few days when Daddy prayed about it the Lord told him that he missed Alfred!

Since that time I joined us again Dito has improved tremendously. He also has had some fun at the ice skating rink & school time now that we've gotten settled.



Carmen—our new Spanish maid & childcare helper—& future RN-RV then Hsp of Spain!



Alf & Dito at the Ice Circus!