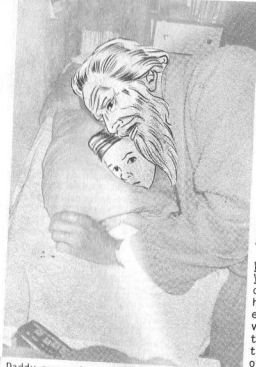


1. AS DAD SHARED WITH YOU IN THE LETTER "The Maltese Doublecross" (No.797), our final weeks' stay in Malta were so full of lessons--learned-the-hard-way regarding security & "Fleebags" etc., that what we experienced there helped to ignite the soon-to-come NRS Revolution! The following experiences were taken from Davidito's daily log, just to fill you in on a few more details on how these learning experiences benefited & affected the children, & more of Dad & Maria's beautiful sample of trusting & obeying the Lord in every situation:



Daddy prays for David before bedtime, & having to flee from Malta.

2. AND EVEN IF YOU READ NO FURTHER IN THIS STORY OR DERIVE NO OTHER LESSON OTHER THAN THIS ONE, PLEASE REMEMBER, HAVE YOUR FLEE BAGS PACKED & BE READY TO GO AT AN INSTANT'S NOTICE!--And keep a faithful check on all security materials in any salah situation! I'm so thankful now for Dad & Maria's very faithful, consistently-practiced sample of always being prayerful & security-minded & teaching us all to be so likewise, for our children too

have had to obey at an instant's notice on many security occasions in their lifetimes, & had they not been reviewed on security & even expected to live it almost everyday in some way or another, it would come new to them in these tense & tight security moments! Out of love for the Lord & Dad, David is very extremely obedient & willing-spirited in almost every situation--another sign of the Lord's anointing on him, for surely he'll need this kind of dedication & preparation of heart in later years!

ROMANS AT THE DOOR!

3. IT WAS EARLY THE MORNING OF 25 OCTOBER '78, THAT THE TWO PLAIN-CLOTHED POLICEMEN who rang our doorbell were invited in by beautiful Path & inquired of her information on exactly who was living in the house, etc. This was all due to our having applied for a visa renewal to stay in Malta awhile longer.

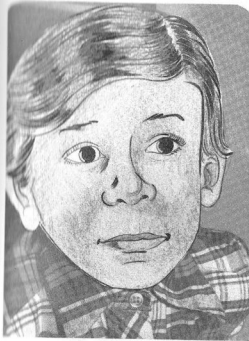
4. DAVID DID WAKE UP MUCH EARLIER THAN USUAL WHILE THE POLICE WERE QUESTIONING Path downstairs, but I explained to him to be very, very quiet & that we needed to pray real hard for her, & that if we made lots of noise the police might want us to come down & talk to us too. David was an exceptionally good boy, just like he understood the seriousness of the situation, not asking for breakfast or to get dressed or wanting to play or anything, but was absolutely obedient & quiet as a mouse, praying together with me in bed.

5. AFTER HEARING WHAT ALL THE POLICE WERE ASKING PATH, & CONSIDERING THAT THEY VERY EASILY COULD HAVE COME RIGHT UPSTAIRS

or requested to talk to everyone in the house at the time, I thought it time to explain to both children, especially David, why it is that we, of course, respect the police, as the Bible tells us to obey the powers that be" (Ro.13:1), but on the other hand, that the children are not required to answer any questions asked them by a stranger or adult or anyone begin to question the children, they did not have to answer, but should look to their adult helper with them at the time for guidance & let us do the answering while they surely pray for us in such an important situation.

6. WE WERE TRYING TO PREPARE THE CHILDREN FOR HOW TO BEHAVE IN THE

case that anyone should separate us from the kids & quiz them for information, realising that this very well could hap-



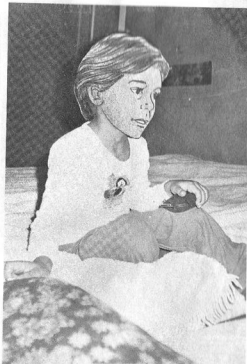
Davidito at almost 4 yrs. old.

pen just about any day, (& thank the Lord it didn't, YJ!). For the next few days I made a daily practice out of pretending to be a policeman, an adult, an investigator, another person on the street, etc., who was in all ways & manners trying to pull answers out of the two children.

Sometimes it was funny & fun to exaggerate & play along, but at other times it was quite serious & David did take it very seriously. His usual reaction was to be very quiet, yet smiling in a friendly type way to the "investigators", just answering that his name was David & not knowing the answers to any other questions.

7. DAVID BEHAVES IN QUITE A DIFFERENT WAY WITH STRANGERS, usually flirty & friendly & also dumb! We've always made it a practice to definitely not share any kind of inside information with her, for therefore she'll never know the answer should she be questioned, since she does not have the slightest bit of wisdom or understanding of these type situations, like little David does.

8. THAT VERY EVENING AFTER THE POLICE WENT IN THE MORNING, MOMMY CAME INTO OUR BEDROOM TO EXPLAIN A SWEET GOOD-BYE TO Dito, asking him to take care of me & Da-



David soberly listens to Mommy's good-bye explanation.

vid once again--not having to explain in full where or when she & Daddy would be going, but simply the necessity of their having to go for the sake of the Lord's work. David is so very faithful & trusting in times like this & always seems to grow a bit more in responsibility & spirituality, learning to trust the Lord more each time this happens in his life.

9. SO MOMMY & DADDY STAYED IN THE VICINITY UNTIL THEY COULD GET A HOAT OFF FOR

the staff at home meanwhile made a complete fine-tooth-comb check through the house, storing away all lit & identifying materials into one locked suitcase & going completely without one stitch of printed material, Bibles, tapes, for the next week or so. It was quite a trying & sort of "dry" time to feel so unarmed without the Word to nourish us everyday, especially when we were all so very busy & a bit nervous & seemed to really need it the most, but it sure did make us appreciate the times we did have this lit & time to study the Word in the open! Everyone