

ED TO LOOK INSIDE THE BOX, so I tried my best to persuade him it was only little metal toy cars like pictured on the outside of the box, for they were neatly packed inside by sweet Alf & I knew I'd never be able to get them all back in there again & all tied up so well in time to make it for the flight! Well, once we finally got the box opened, all the cars spilled out & rolled everywhere in all directions on the floor & little Dito was scurrying everywhere to pick them all up! And sure enough we couldn't get them back in the box. "I told you so!" I said to the man & he, very embarrassed, helped to chase the toy cars. It was really funny as everybody around was looking & laughing, & we held up the line for almost ten minutes!

17. BUT WE MADE THE FLIGHT, THANK THE LORD, & saw Alfred & Path waving to us from the observation deck. Davidito began to cry when he saw Alfred actually separating from us again, especially just after having had Mommy & Daddy leave him as well. The Lord, once again, laid it so heavy on my heart to be not only his close friend & teacher, but playmate, lover & Mommy & Daddy as well, & even though so many things are on my mind at once during moves & travels, there's nothing more important than taking special care of this one very special little boy!

18. WE ARRIVED IN CLOUDY, RAINY CATANIA, SICILY WHERE WE JOINED MOMMY & DADDY, with Sue & Timothy, in a small but nice hotel apartment for the next five days or so. Just everything was up in the air-- where we were to live, should we look for a house, how to gather the rest of the staff together, what to do to help the others get off the Island of Malta, etc. Daddy commented, "I'm so thankful we got Davidito out of Malta, because he really is 'pretty important'!"

19. AND WHAT A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE TO WITNESS DAD & MARIA'S TOTAL TRUST, PEACE, FAITH & LOVE IN THE LORD throughout the entire experience, this one & many, many others they have been through in similar situations! Daddy & Mommy were in conference almost fulltime during our stay in Catania, seemingly in constant prayer & discussion of what the Lord would have us to do next. Although in a way it was a relief to be out of Malta, nevertheless they still carried not only the burdens of the Worldwide Family, but now these top security situations upon their own shoulders. What a responsibility!

20. IF ONLY I COULD DESCRIBE FOR YOU HOW

EVEN IN THE MIDST OF EXTREMELY IMPORTANT DECISIONS, PRAYER, DISCUSSION, ETC., DAD & MARIA ARE NEVER TOO BUSY TO ACKNOWLEDGE DAVIDITO'S PRESENCE, return his little smiles, meet his needs or answer his questions asked them. They're always so sweet & considerate with him, never showing signs of worry or troubles. They don't even mind him coming into the bathroom or anywhere to greet them when they are in the midst of discussion, or enjoying even just a few moments free for private time or relaxation.



Dad & Maria take Dito to the playground--never too busy--even in the midst of tribulations!

21. HERE, ONLY THE DAY BEFORE, WE HEARD THAT ALFRED WAS PUT IN JAIL IN MALTA for investigation & the very next night, Timothy was, as well, taken in right there from our own hotel desk for an overnight stay in "the can" for having been on record as being part of the group!! Daddy felt so burdened & sorry for the boys that he was praying for them aloud continually, throughout the whole day, sitting on the couch trying to relax, but in serious prayer over all these situations.

22. NEVERTHELESS, DADDY TOOK THE TIME TO PLAY WITH DITO, who was climbing in & out of the sliding door cupboards, hiding from Daddy who inbetween his business words was singing, "Oh where, oh where has my little boy gone? Oh where, oh where could he be?" Daddy said, "Forgive me folks, (because of Dito's interruption), but he'll never forget this for the rest of his life!"--(I know I surely won't either!)

23. SOON AFTER TIMOTHY WAS TAKEN IN, WE HEARD THE SOUND OF OBVIOUS FOOTSTEPS & VOICES whispering on the rooftop of the building, & Dad suspected right away that someone was "bugging" or wiring our apartment! The maids told us that maintenance men were working up there, but

being aware of the "enemy's devices", Dad had us only whisper in a minimum of conversation that day & night to be certain of security until we were sure what was going on!

24. ANOTHER WHOLE SUBJECT WAS HOW WE HAD TO MANAGE TRYING TO KEEP DITO OCCUPIED & VERY QUIET during our stay in this tiny apartment with the others, while Mommy & Daddy slept late after their long work hours at night. Our major project during this time was reading through the Hamlyn's Children's Bible, beginning with Genesis & the full study of Moses in the Wilderness, etc. We've regarded this as one of the best Children's Bibles ever, as the text is edited for children straight from the King James Version scriptures!

25. WHILE DOING ONE OF THESE STUDIES, when we read how the Lord's "wrath waxed hot" & he told Moses about the golden calf built by Aaron, David asked, "Does that mean that the calf was God-damned?" (I said yes!) "But is that using the Lord's name in vain?" I explained how, in this case, it certainly was God-damned in the real meaning of the term! But isn't it something that he seemed to apply the real meaning all on his own!



--Playing "Scrabble" spelling game with Timothy!

26. IN ORDER NOT TO DISTURB THE OTHERS IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS, we stayed in our small little bedroom as long as we could manage, reading the Bible, doing



A colour-dice game we enjoyed called Rainbow Towers!

workbooks & playing a few boardgames etc., that I brought along, till we discovered we could climb out the nearby kitchen window over the washing machine, to go out onto the sunny balcony porch outside, then



For our morning "get-out"--a climb out the kitchen window!

scurry down a steep, narrow fire escape ladder & drop to the ground below & be free to explore the apartment grounds--all without disturbing the others! Of course, David thought that was great fun, & prayed daily that we could "sneak out"