



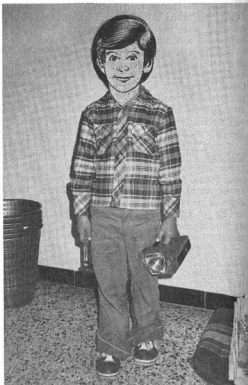
Baby Tech only one day old!

1. MC OH MY! SO, SO VERY MUCH HAPPENS IN JUST ONE MONTH OF DAVID'S LIFE! I usually wonder when looking over his daily log how I'll ever fit even one month's activities onto paper! It was a tremendous joyful event when Tech was born! We were all bursting with excitement & so very many changes resulted from her suddenly becoming the newest, yet "most important" member of our household!

2. THE NIGHT SHE WAS BORN, OUR DEAR TYPIST & SUBSTITUTE MOMMY, PATH, GOT DAVID DRESSED & READY FOR BED during the most incredible lightning & thunderstorm we had ever seen! Path writes in his log: "As David & I were reading on the bed, I said, 'I hope the lights don't go out. You know, I hope the lights don't go out. You know, I hope the lights don't go out. It's possible because it's a really bad storm' hoping to prepare David just in case they did go out. Neither Alfred, Sara, Mommy or Daddy were there so I didn't know if he would be afraid or exactly what his reaction would



Our Path is married to her typewriter!



"Be prepared!" says David, with flashlight, hammer and full pockets!

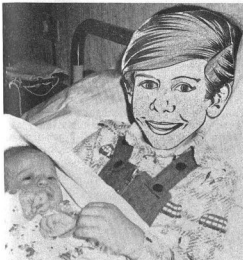
be, but David right away said, "OH, THAT'S OK! I'VE GOT MY FLASHLIGHT!" So instead of carrying a car in his hand all evening as usual, he had already been prepared by carrying now a flashlight! Soon the lights did go out & David immediately clicked on his own flashlight & we then went to bed by candlelight!--Path. For some time after this incident David had the regular habit of always carrying a big, clunky, red, adult flashlight around with him absolutely everywhere & parked it faithfully right by his bed for any emergency use in the night. Always prepared!

4. INCIDENTALLY, THIS WAS THE VERY FIRST NIGHT EVER THAT BOTH ALFRED & I TOGETHER HAD SLEPT AWAY FROM DAVIDITO. We'd always hoped that the new baby would not cause him to feel abandoned in any way, yet this is how the situation seemed to work out, that both of us were needed to help with Dad & Maria & new baby Tech, so this

was a real test of Davidito's faith to trust God & not to have to depend on us--right from the start, the day of her birth! It was like a "growing" lesson, especially since Dad had recently gotten the revelation about David's problem with jealousy, & David seemed to withstand this test fine, GBH, & even had no grudges afterwards as we had expected. There were plenty of things happening at the home-front which kept him occupied in spite of all the excitement & changes going on.



Grandpa Story Time together!



I decided I really like her after all!

For one, it was David's third birthday, & David helped Path make her a surprise birthday cake!

5. ONLY THREE DAYS AFTER TECHI'S BIRTH, DAD & SUE CAME TO VISIT OUR STAFF HOME (since Dad, Maria, Sue, Peter & Dora were living at the time in a different apartment quite a ways from our home, having had to move due to the backsliding of former leaders & for security purposes). Dad was, understandably, raving quite a bit about baby Tech, but David didn't seem to be too terribly mindful of it, that is until Dad asked David if he liked the new tape he had done called "Grandpa's Sickness & New Models" (MCC9). Dito very calmly replied, "No," apparently offended that Mommy & Daddy were no longer at home, & because that same day he had heard Dad say over the telephone that Tech had been sleeping in bed with them both! However there were very few times that his jealousy or reaction showed outwardly in a bad way. Of course we had

desperately prayed for his understanding & help during this time, & glory to God, that David did take it as well as he did. GBH! Both Mommy & Daddy tried to make it as easy on him as possible.

6. BEFORE BED A FEW NIGHTS LATER, HE COMMENTED THAT WE'D BETTER CUT HIS FINGERNAILS EVERY NIGHT 'BECAUSE TECHI'S COMING HOME SOON & you need to have short fingernails when you take care of babies!" In other words, he was putting out a feeler for our reaction to whether Tech was still on her way home, or if Mommy & Daddy were actually living away from us for any longer period of time with Tech. I then had to explain to him & clarify once again that Mommy & Daddy had to live away from him, not because of Tech or because they preferred to, but because of the situation with our enemies who had known before where they were living! I think he already knew that but was seeking a confirmation.

7. I WAS FEELING STRONGER THAN EVER DURING THIS TIME A GENUINE MATERNAL INSTINCT TOWARDS DAVIDITO, wanting to really mother & father him, & give him full-time attention while his parents were gone. I knew he was battling internally being away from them & must have had lots of questions, especially since he had not seen them very often at all, & all this compounded with the new arrival of baby Tech. He actually only visited them three times in the entire month they were living apart from us & usually for only a few minutes at a time at that. However Mommy & Daddy always made it the greatest of occasions with him & gave him their full-time attention when he did come for a visit, giving him very nice little gifts & having good prayer & playtime with him as much as time would allow. David also caught a slight cold during this time