

stimulate his perception and growth. So does a wide range of experience of contact with adults at meals, playtimes and throughout the day.

32. PARENTS WHO ARE AWARE of the child's learning need can encourage him to say words if they surround him with talk used freely, clearly and naturally. The more stimulation and the earlier a child receives it, the brighter he will become within the bounds of his natural God-given potential.

33. WE ALL OBSERVED HOW DAVIDITO HAD A VERY SHORT ATTENTION SPAN. Some people have the mistaken idea that all such children are either extremely nervous or of low intelligence. On the contrary, it is more likely in view of recent research that a youngster can concentrate on one thing for only a brief span because of his brain's need for more stimulation--because of his great drive to pay attention to many things.

34. A BABY WHO IS DRY, fed, neither too hot nor too cold and not being stuck by safety pins yet who is still crying in his bed or playpen, has an unsatisfied basic need--a need for new sensory stimuli.

35. MOMMY HAS OFTEN POINTED OUT THAT THE PURPOSE of these learning activities we introduce to Davidito are not to push him into something he cannot do, but to make him happy and challenge him with the opportunity to learn and achieve his own happiness and self-satisfaction.

36. DADDY ALWAYS REFERS TO DAVIDITO'S BRAIN AS A COMPUTER, which is exactly the vision we

should have from the day our children are born.

37. THE GENERAL CONSENSUS OF OPINION OF CHILD RESEARCH is that even newborn infants can focus their eyes on shapes and bright colours. In her book, Joan Beck points out that infants less than one month old are able to distinguish stripes as narrow as one-eighth of an inch at a distance of ten inches, and at four months babies have visual accommodations skills comparable to those of normal adults.

38. ONE REASON DAVIDITO ALWAYS ENJOYED BEING CARRIED ABOUT THE HOUSE whether in arms, in his pram or infant seat was because it gave him more things to look at, and opportunities to stop, look, listen--and learn!

39. MOMMY AND DADDY TOOK DAVIDITO FOR HIS FIRST OUTDOOR WALK in the big pram when he was two months old. Up until then he had daily sunbaths on a blanket spread out in the garden, but we didn't believe in exposing him unnecessarily to the germs of strangers in the town. Moreover, the climate was cool and windy, so he was indoors with us the majority of the time as we did the housework.

40. BUT HE LOVED HIS NEW ACTIVITY of going on walks because we'd talk to him about the birds, flowers, people, the sea, animals and trees and point them all out to him, but he had to keep moving!

41. AT TWO MONTHS OLD he would never sit in his chair alone with nothing to do--by "nothing to do", I mean just sit and watch us cook or work, even

with a toy in his hand! As long as you were close by and talking directly to him he was happy, but the moment you turned your back he was discontent. He just demanded your fulltime attention and was seldom happy on his own. We sometimes worried a little that we might be "spoiling him"--but how else was he to learn what this new vast grown-up world was all about?

42. HE DID ENJOY WATCHING THE WINDOW CURTAINS BLOW in the wind, or sitting directly in front of the washing machine and watching the coloured towels go round and round in the window, but most of all he liked people and communicating with them in some way.

43. MOMMY SUGGESTED WE EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO HIM--talk

to him in an adult way, and include him in on everything we did. If we peeled potatoes in the kitchen, we would tell him all about this funny little brown "papa", as the Canarians called them. Although so young Davidito was very interested. This is why I believe he learned to understand everything we would say, even when only a few months old.

44. DAD WAS VERY INTERESTED IN ELECTRONICS, astrology, books, geography and nature etc. as a young boy, and look how the Lord has used this knowledge and experience in his Letters which are changing the world!

45. TEACHING IS GIVING AND SHARING--it's part of our lifestyle! It's something you can

