



"A new trick!"--8½ months.

but don't you know that thing is expensive? It doesn't even belong to us! You 'hippies' have no respect of value! Can't you tell that's not a playing? He could break it!" We were so used to giving him household objects and keeping him interested in new things to play with that sometimes we even went overboard!

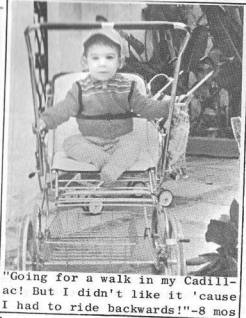
16. LUCY COMMENTED ONE DAY THAT LITTLE DAVID SEEMED TO BE UNUSUALLY FUSSY ALL DAY UNTIL SHE TOOK HIM FOR A WALK outside. Daddy said, "Well of course! I'd be fussy too if I didn't get out of the house everyday for a little fresh air and hearty walk! Before mealtime I especially enjoy getting out. I think Davidito longs to go up the road and see the village children playing! They're his own kinfolk!"

17. ON OCTOBER 16 HE SUFFERED ANOTHER SERIOUS FALL ON HIS HEAD. All four of us staff members were

crowded into the kitchen cooking, talking and doing everything else but paying attention to where Davidito was. He crawled in under our feet on the kitchen floor and when one of us noticed him and picked him up he squirmed and wriggled and somehow fell out of arms right to the hard floor!

18. LUCY QUICKLY GRABBED HIM UP BUT HE WAS ALREADY SCREAMING WITH PAIN AND FRIGHT. He held his breath and fainted, unconscious in her arms. She rushed him over to Mommy and Daddy and when we all laid hands on him and prayed, he came to, but cried in pain for some time afterwards. We trusted the Lord for his healing, and when he finally calmed down and seemed tired, Daddy suggested we put him down to sleep.

19. DAD TOLD US TO GET ON OUR FACES IN SERIOUS PRAYER while he and Mommy continued to pray over Davidito in bed. He came charg-



"Going for a walk in my Cadillac! But I didn't like it 'cause I had to ride backwards!"--8 mos

ing back into the living room to give us the bawling out of our lives that we very well deserved! He said,

20. "ACCIDENTS DO NOT JUST HAPPEN, THEY ARE CAUSED! Davidito has suffered far too many 'accidents' in recent weeks." Buddy impressed on us that it was the fault of every single one of us, and that there must be something spiritually wrong somewhere.

21. OUR MAIN JOB AND RESPONSIBILITY, OUR ONLY REASON FOR EVEN BEING THERE, WAS TO CARE FOR DAVIDITO. Dad and Maria could actually live much easier and cheaper without a staff, which they had done for years before. He stressed that Alfred and I were not called there to take care of baby Angelina--that was incidental, but were there for Davidito's sake and should have shown much more interest in him than we had been, even though Lucy was Davidito's main "keeper" at the time. If Lucy was falling down on the job in some way, then we needed to stand in the gap.

22. "REMEMBER, GOD ALWAYS CHECKS US ABOUT THINGS BEFORE HE LETS THEM HAPPEN or before an accident occurs!" He carefully traced back, "Now where did we make the mistake? Where did we sin? What kind of sin was involved so that your hearts were not in the right place and your minds were not prepared?" Angie sneezed during the talk, which upset him further that we still weren't keeping the children dressed warmly enough! Lord help us!

23. FROM THAT TIME ON WE WERE

ALL VERY MUCH IN FEAR AND TREMBLING and really buckled down to daily devotion and prayer and began a new start in the house. Alfred and I both began taking more care of Davidito from that time on.

24. ONLY A FEW DAYS PRIOR WE HAD ANOTHER HEAVY LESSON when Davidito picked up a jar of liquid window cleaner that was sitting open on the floor and put it right into his mouth. Thank the Lord he had no trace of bad effect. We never did find out how much got into his mouth, but only saw it imprinted on his lips after he had done it.

25. I'LL NEVER FORGET THE LIFE-CHANGING LESSONS I LEARNED as a result of that serious accident in the kitchen. It was another huge step in the important training and lessons we have received in childcare and prayer!

26. THAT VERY NIGHT DAVIDITO FELT SO MUCH BETTER THAT HE HELPED MAKE DADDY REAL HAPPY by sitting next to him at dinner. Davidito was offended because we cut his spaghetti up in small pieces, so Daddy handed him some of his real long spaghetti. He taught Davidito how to suck the long noodles in so that they whacked him on the nose slipping into his mouth!--Ha!

27. HE LOVED THAT AND ATE A VERY GOOD DINNER, and kept everybody laughing! Then he bit into a sour dill pickle and cringed all over in shivers to entertain us! He was making us all happy trying to console us after such a heavy day! God bless him!

28. ON OCTOBER 18 CARLOS CAME TO VISIT AND CONFESSED THAT HE DIDN'T REALLY ACCEPT DAVIDITO AS