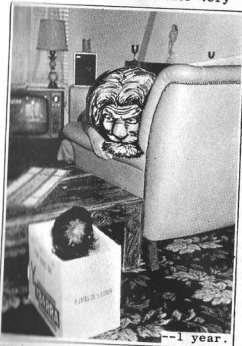


house without letting Davidito know it in case it would distract him from eating. Alfred went into the living room very quietly and Davidito suddenly began pointing frantically at the door! Then he looked over at the wooden serving window that opens into the living room whining and pointing to the window. I had no idea what was going on, when suddenly the window popped open and there was Alfred!

21. DAVIDITO'S SO SENSITIVE AND ALERT! He knew someone was in the house and was sneaking up on him, but I really had no idea myself! He really loves Alfred and they love to play rough tough boy games together. Daddy loves to watch him play in the living room during his late dinner and they both miss each other very



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much when they don't see each other before bed.

22. DAVIDITO AND I VISITED A NEARBY KINDERGARTEN-NURSERY SCHOOL, and although he was the youngest child there, he seemed to be as mature and active as the 1½ year olds! He sat on a little stool and played at the table with crayons and paper and got along great with all the toddler children. I like to visit system childcare centers for ideas on equipment, toys and teaching programs, although strange spirits and undesirable habits can be a bad influence during even a few hours on even a well-behaved child who loves Jesus, since children are such great imitators. So be aware and prayerful.

23. DAVIDITO DIDN'T HAVE MUCH CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHER CHILDREN for his first two years, but we occasionally visited children's parks, nursery schools or nearby village children, but I was with him every minute and we never got closely involved with any. We learned and discussed together some things not to do, and saw that bad behaviour and tantrums on the part of some whom we observed were ugly and unhappy and weren't pleasing to Jesus. One reason why he matured quickly and learned so much is because he was around adults all the time who always made him feel like an essential part of our family and taught him about his surroundings at every opportune moment.

24. IT'S IMPORTANT TO TALK WITH A CHILD ABOUT EVERYTHING YOU DO THROUGHOUT THE DAY.--Explain to him about meal prep, the use of certain machines, getting dressed, differentiating, making comparisons such as left

and right, naming new objects, colours, motions, etc.

25. BE AT ABOUT TEN MONTHS OLD HE BEGAN TO SHOW AN INTEREST IN BOOKS with cardboard pages and



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big bright coloured pictures of animals and familiar things. I made picture books for him by putting colourful full-page magazine pictures of children doing different things and familiar objects into a large book of plastic envelope-type pages. This way the pictures can be easily exchanged and he could turn the pages by himself.

26. LATER ON I ADDED A LARGE RED PRINTED WORD TO EACH PICTURE. He already showed a special interest in pictures of trucks, cars and machinery, and the first words he learned to read were car, truck, train and Jesus! Daddy exclaimed in amazement time after time about his fascination

for vehicles since we in no way promoted this interest. In fact Daddy detested cars and motorcycles and their noise, pollution and destruction. Daddy said, "He couldn't have gotten that from me!--But yes, of course! I've always been extremely mechanical." No one in Carlos' or Mommy's family were mechanically inclined, by the way, but Daddy used to play with electric trains when small, loved machines and construction, and when grown did his own repair work on his automobiles and campers. So having the spirit of his father David evidently encompasses a whole lot!

27. WE DISCUSSED IT TOGETHER

AND FINALLY DECIDED WE WOULD FIRST TEACH ENGLISH TO DAVIDITO UNTIL HE CAN SPEAK FAIRLY WELL on his own, and then teach him Spanish, since we can be assured he'll have no problem learning that when he becomes old enough to play with the neighbourhood children, or in our COG schools with our own Spanish children. Children should be given an opportunity to learn additional languages before the age of 7, and it won't hurt a child to learn even three or four together. He'll eventually get them all sorted out!

28. DADDY SAID A CHILD'S MIND IS JUST LIKE A LITTLE TAPE RECORDER that takes in every little thing and never erases what it learns! The mind can even recall what was unconsciously recorded years earlier in life. So every experience we create makes an eternal impression on them.

29. ALFRED TOOK HIM THROUGH THE SMALL VILLAGE OF DURAZNO AND