



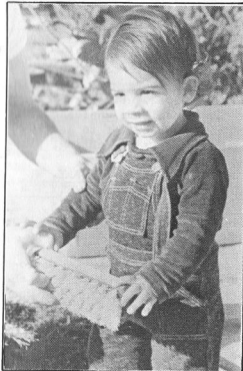
play with his penie in public, but inside the house is a better place. Even at a year old, I think that was one of his favourite reasons for going naked!

42. THE DAY AFTER HIS BIRTHDAY, HE SHARED HIS BIRTHDAY CAKE WITH THE POOR LITTLE VILLAGE BOYS' SCHOOL down the road, Alfred, Sally and I arranged a time with the teacher to visit the school, and there we gave them a large chalkboard that Daddy had bought for them after we had found out that they were lacking in even the "essential" materials of a schoolroom.

43. DAVIDITO DISCOVERED THE FOOTBALL IN THE SCHOOLROOM RIGHT AWAY and began kicking and carrying it around while holding onto

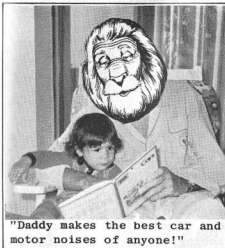


my fingers. We took films of the boys playing football and showed them later in the village plaza for all. Little Davidito got ahold of the football during the game, and took off running down the road with it, back toward our house! Hallelujah!



"LEARNING TO READ!"--Part One: It Can Be Done!--by Sara DFO-S13  
--Chapter 15 of "It's a Boy!"--The Story of Little David Continued.

1. JUST THE OTHER DAY I WAS BROWSING THROUGH A LOCAL BOOK STORE WITH DAVIDITO when he pulled down from the shelf a large storybook dictionary which contained more than 1,000 pictures and 2,500 words. The book was geared to children probably 7 and 8 years old, but he at 2 years and 9 months has enjoyed hours of fun reading well many parts of the book for himself.



"Daddy makes the best car and motor noises of anyone!"

2. IN THE MIDST OF THE BEGINNER READERS IN ENGLISH that I found at this small Portuguese bookstore, I discovered the 1st and 2nd grade readers which I remember learning from in our reading circle in my first years at school. However, Davidito at 2 years and 9 months is far more advanced than my second grade readers. So he and I counselled together and chose other readers from the more advanced level.

3. IN THE 9 MONTHS TIME THAT HE HAS BEEN READING FLUENTLY, the difficulty has not been in getting him to read, nor in even finding good materials from

stores in foreign countries, but in keeping up with him and presenting enough material to keep him challenged!

4. OUR CHILD DAVIDITO HAS EXPERIENCED SUCH A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS and feeling of self-gratification in his reading during the last nine months that people have begged us to share with everyone the lessons we've learned in teaching reading to a



Another favourite MacDonald Starter book was "Trees", which he would want read to him over and over again. He would explain what the story said with his own hand signals, dramatic expressions, and sounds.

very young child. I think this has been the most enjoyable of all the learning activities which we have experienced together.

5. NOT ONLY DID DAVIDITO LEARN TO READ, BUT HE ACTUALLY LEARNED TO SPEAK THROUGH LEARNING