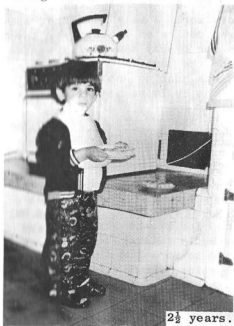


through, such as frequent moves, his cheek being seriously burned by a bedside lamp, staff members coming and going frequently, etc.



2 1/2 years.

16. HE WOULD STAMMER usually only when he was very self-conscious or nervous or tired. We noticed it when we were in a crowd of people in town or on the train or when he had special time with Mommy and Daddy and perhaps felt a bit self-conscious in his desire to impress them.

16. HE WAS ALSO VERY BADLY BEMOVED AT SEVERAL TIMES when having his special time with them, which surprised us very much and we couldn't understand why. But now we know that he really needed our help and special attention and prayer for this affliction which had crept up and was becoming more and worse. We noticed right away that a definite bad influence over other children apparently had on Davidito when we saw his growing impatience and

defiant, selfish behaviour.

17. I ONCE DISCUSSED WITH MOMMY AND DADDY in Davidito's presence how I was concerned about this little boy at the other Home, because his Mommy had apparently not visited him in months and he really seemed needy of special attention.

18. ANOTHER GRAVE MISTAKE I MADE was mentioning the boy's name a few times in conversation, suggesting Davidito could "swap" cars with him for the weekend etc. One night, on his own initiative, Little David prayed aloud for the stammerer before bedtime and asked the Lord to "bless him and give him a Mommy, in Jesus name, amen."



2 yr. 5 mo.

19. IT HAD OBVIOUSLY AFFECTED DAVIDITO VERY SERIOUSLY that the little boy could not only barely speak, but that he called me "Mommy", just as he did almost every "Mommy person" that was around.

20. OF COURSE, BABA WAS CALLING ALFRED AND ME "MOMMY AND DADDY", "TOO, and as insecure as Davidito felt at this time, he might have thought that he was losing us to other children as their Mommy and Daddy. One day, after Davidito had spent some time in their room, Mommy and Daddy mentioned to me that Davidito was stammering quite a bit.

21. MOMMY BEGAN RESEARCHING it in a book right away, and I knew that the folks were very concerned and burdened about it at this time. But then I never humbled my pride enough to get desperate about it, knowing the problem manifested itself to a greater degree when he was around them than when around me and thinking it would eventually wear off!

22. LORD FORGIVE ME for such a mistake, because the problem continued for two-and-a-half months more, due to our insensitivity and lack of concern for his welfare!

23. AT THE BEGINNING, MOMMY AND DADDY SUGGESTED THAT WE MENTION IT TO DAVIDITO when he began to stumble in his speech and gently tell him to stop and think about every word, so that he would speak more clearly. But as time went on, we saw how it frustrated him even more to draw attention to the stammer, so we all made an effort to acknowledge him and listen closely when he began to speak. We also helped finish for him the words he was stumbling over and tried to help by completing the phrase he was trying to say. At least this saved him embarrassment and made it easier on him. Dad explained that he was actually stammering, which is different than a stutter.

24. HE BEGINS HIS SENTENCES with a full first word, such as "But, but, but," in fast succeeding order rather than stumbling over the first letters of the words in each sentence as in stuttering.

25. BEFORE I EVEN REALISED that his stammering was a manifestation of a serious nervous and emotional and even spiritual problem, I thought that perhaps he was trying to imitate Baba's baby talk, or maybe even stumbling over the funny little phonetic sounds which I had been teaching him in reading.

26. IT WAS QUITE OBVIOUS, THOUGH, THAT THE SCHOOL CHILDREN HAD AFFECTED HIM in other areas. Once Davidito said he was afraid of the dark and did not want to go outside at night, which he had never said before, but we associated it right away with the other children because we had heard them whining about a fear of the dark only a few days prior to that.

27. SHORTLY AFTERWARD, MOMMY, DADDY, ALFRED, DAVIDITO AND I HAD TO FLEE in the very early hours of the morning from Portugal! Diabolical German news reporters of the vicious anti-Christ Jewish Stern magazine were right on Dad's trail and hounding us at our very front door! But the Lord miraculously blessed our departure to a new location.

28. LITTLE DAVID IS ALWAYS SUCH A BRAVE TROOPER during these times of quick moves and when he is alone with us on a little team of just Mommy and Daddy and us, he always seems much more secure and well-behaved.

29. DURING THE NEXT SIX WEEKS WE MOVED FIVE TIMES and just as