

all those people. I know I wouldn't like it. He's very sensitive and he's very nervous.

74. HE'S NOT AT EASE AROUND A LOT OF PEOPLE, yet he has to sit there in the middle of that kitchen in the midst of all that bedlam and all those people and all that noise and confusion and try to eat his breakfast. He can't get the individual attention that he needs there as a handicapped child, everybody is too busy with everything else but him.

75. (MARIA: DO YOU THINK IT'S BETTER TO JUST SEPARATE HIM FROM OTHER PEOPLE as much as possible, except just one or two people at a time?) Well, if I were he I think that's what I would like. All that confusion and noise just makes him withdraw into his shell even more.

76. (MARIA: AND AT MEAL TIMES, like dinner time and lunch time, do you think he should eat separately?) Well, I think he likes to be with the Family sometimes. (Maria: Maybe if he just doesn't have to talk, huh?) It really draws attention to his handicap when he is really put on the spot publicly and he starts to stutter and stammer, especially when they try to get him to talk and say things and ask him questions before everybody. (M: You mean it's better to let him just sort of be there and enjoy it, but not participate?) Yes.

77. SOMETIMES YOU FEEL GUILTY and you know you're guilty, but you try to belittle the sin and minimize it. It's usually the parents' fault, certainly not the poor little innocent child! Somehow or another the parents are to blame, or God is dealing with the parents or his teachers. Alfred

and Sara are just like part of his parents. You folks are not taking it that seriously like it was your fault or you are to blame, you are just brushing it off like it's nothing.

78. HE MUST LISTEN AT DINNER TIME WITH AMAZEMENT, to think how you can talk so easily about nothing, when he is hardly able to say one word about even his most desperate needs! At least he can retreat into the blessing of silence and go out and swing. He even shuts his eyes and doesn't



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want to look at people, as if looking means he's going to have to communicate, but if he just shuts his eyes he hopes they will go away and he won't have to talk to them. People are always wanting him to talk to them, say this and say that, and he can't!

79. YOU NEED TO SUFFER! He is really suffering, but it doesn't seem like anybody else is suffer-



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ing but him. There he sits, suffering because he can't talk, and yet nobody seems to even notice!

80. I MEAN IF HE COULDN'T SEE OR COULDN'T WALK OR COULDN'T EAT, YOU WOULD GET DESPERATE! But because he just can't talk you think, "Well, it's nothing, it's nothing. It'll go away, if we just close our eyes it will go away."

81. DON'T MAKE HIM TALK, IT'S AGONY FOR HIM TO TRY TO TALK!

Don't ask him questions, don't force him to talk, just talk to him. You do the talking, he doesn't want to talk. I can't even call him over the intercom and say, "Davidito, I love you." Because you know what they would do if I did that? You know what they'd do don't you, "Say, 'I love you, Daddy', say, 'I love you, Daddy'--say it Davidito, say it, say it!"

82. QUIT TRYING TO MAKE HIM

TALK! You do it automatically, unconsciously, but it's agony for him to try to talk. You are going to have to show him a lot more sympathy and compassion and understanding, and not push him so hard all the time to speak.

83. YOU WOULDN'T INSIST A BLIND CHILD SEE OR A CRIPPLE WALK! Stop trying to make him talk. Just talk to him and pray with him and get desperate with God about him together, and God will answer prayer! (Amen!--And He did!)



2 yr. 8 mo.

84. (DAVIDITO IS NOW COMPLETELY DELIVERED AND SPEAKS FLUENTLY, THANK THE LORD!)--Because we finally all really got desperate and really prayed together for his healing! Thank You Jesus! Jesus never fails! Why don't you really pray? It works! God works! Try it! You'll love it! GBY!)