

6. Our Home immediately united in desperate prayer and anointing of oil for her health and we tried, even from this point, to keep her apart from Davidito, separated and boiled her sick dishes, as well as gave her a concentrated vitamin C liquid solution, equivalent to one gram of vitamin C, taken every waking hour. At this time, Davidito, too, began having at least five grams of vitamin C daily, to try to prevent him from coming down with the same serious cough and cold.

7. By the tenth day after her arrival, all symptoms had worsened to the point that we felt we must take her to the doctor. After inquiring about every symptom, the doctor informed us that she definitely had "imported" the whooping cough! The incubation period can last anywhere from five days to three weeks, and the doctor assured us that the only way a child catches the whooping cough is after he has been exposed to another child carrying the germ. The whooping cough is so highly contagious, it can be easily contracted through breathing the germ just in a close crowd or direct contact with another child who has it.

8. The doctor said that there is actually no known cure for whooping cough. The only thing he said we could do was keep her warm and rested, not too over-active, and breathing good, clean air and just "suffer through it". He prescribed a vitamin B syrup to be given four times a day and an antibiotic syrup to calm the cough, given twice a

day.

9. It wasn't until after the doctor's visit that we uncovered the fact that the only children Davidita had been around in our absence were definitely sick and coughing, sometimes even vomiting. This family's other two children, who had been left in their own Home while the parents travelled, had been exposed to the whooping cough.

10. This meant that even if the little children who were around Davidita had not definitely been diagnosed as having the disease, they were still carrying the germ which contaminated our little girl and spread right into the King's House! Lord help us!

11. Well, you can imagine the reaction of all of us when we realised that we had unknowingly exposed Little David to this childhood disease. We took every precaution we believed possible for his sake, but only two days after Davidita's visit to the doctor, and almost two weeks after her arrival, Davidito developed red, watering eyes, runny nose and then a very frequent cough throughout the day.

12. The first sign that he was actually getting sick with something more serious than a cold, was his moanings in his sleep. He began coughing in spasms during the night only three days after that, and, sorry to say, he became very sick.

13. "My God!" Dad said, "If these people only knew the trouble they've caused us by their inconsideration and lack of love! Imagine! - Travelling around with sick,

contaminated children, knowing that half of their kids are sick, then carrying around other sick kids with them, walking right into other people's Homes, to expose their kids, too! If they do it to our House, they certainly must do it to other people's, too!" He continued, "After all our desperate prayers, I really thought the Lord would spare him. Poor Little David! I don't know why the Lord doesn't heal these kids! I guess the Lord knows the children have to go through some things to teach them, just like we do."

14. We could not fully blame the helpers who were caring for Davidita, since they had barely even heard of the whooping cough and had never seen before a victim of this chronic childhood disease. But even a simple cold is enough reason to keep a child at home until recovered. It is important to stress that Family members who recognise the early symptoms, should feel responsible to warn parents and others of the dangers of these beginning symptoms of childhood diseases, and do their utmost to prevent spreading the disease to others!

15. Thank the Lord the whooping cough has not been as serious for our children here as it could have been, and probably is for many others. They have serious coughing and gagging spells, especially in the night, but we have learned to be very attentive in listening for their first moans, and be ready to go on the attack in the spirit and prayer to help them fight off the fears and panics of choking! We read in one

Medical Encyclopedia that it helps to raise the child's left arm above his head to help him catch his breath.

16. But the most important, helpful thing you can do for the child is pray aloud, claiming God's promises, and verses on fear and faith, as well as cuddle them close and let them know you are doing all you can. It really tests not only the parent's faith, patience and enduring love, but especially teaches the child a great deal about trusting the Lord, not fearing and panicking, but knowing the Lord is ever present in time of need.

17. Our whole family took such a prayerful, sympathetic interest as soon as they knew that even Davidita was sick. Some of them have taken turns sleeping with her, making sure that at least one person was there whom she was close to, so the main helper could catch up on her much needed rest!

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This is the only way that someone  
♥ the world, even our family! ♥  
♥ I am... ♥

Sunday,  
8 October  
1978

Dear David,

God bless you! I love you so much! Did you know that we all have been praying for you that the Lord will heal you very soon from your cough. - You are a very courageous fighter for Jesus and a wonderful blessing to us all!! XXXXXX xxx! - - O!  
I love you so much! -Pat