

10. THE FIRST NIGHT THAT WE SLEPT IN OUR HOTEL ROOM away from our happy home in Tenerife, Davidito very sadly said, "Brown bed home". He couldn't fall asleep unless we held his hand. At bedtime he names several people in his prayers, even mentions and describes little children or lame people he's seen on the streets.

11. THIS WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF OUR "GYPSY TRAVELS" and it hasn't seemed to change since that time on! Even little Davidito at 2 years old was a "stranger and pilgrim", and easily and willingly adapted to changes, thank the Lord.



12. SO "ALL THINGS BECAME NEW" AND OUR SCHEDULE CHANGED to an earlier bedtime (with much less FFing), and we got up early for morning food shopping and errands after our little breakfast in the hotel.

13. SOMETIMES ALFRED WOULD TAKE DAVIDITO OUT TO PLAY AND SHOP while I stayed back to do



laundry and projects, but I usually have one hour learning time with Dito after breakfast, either in our room or in the hotel lounge.



14. THE HOTEL WAS FULL OF ENGLISH "SENIOR CITIZENS", and as the older people would walk into the dining room they'd often greet little David with, "Hello, young lady. Aren't you a pretty girl!" Ha!--probably because of his long hair and little love necklace.

15. MEALTIME: WE PREPARED A LITTLE HEALTH SALAD AND SANDWICH LUNCH IN OUR HOTEL ROOM, then usually walked about a mile down the road to eat 7:00 dinner with Mommy and Daddy at a small French restaurant. Mommy and I took along in little screw-top bottles our own health food supplements of fresh wheat germ, powdered brewer's yeast and honey to add

to our restaurant meals, and we'd often carry home enough leftovers in small plastic bags for a good lunch the next day!



"Breakfast on the balcony."

16. THE HOTEL BREAKFAST ONLY INCLUDED BREAD AND COFFEE, milk or tea, so we'd make Davidito a small cereal for breakfast, sometimes with raw egg added. Daddy suggested that when eating in a restaurant with a small child it's a good idea to tip the waiters daily for cleaning up afterwards, and in the hotel we gave the waiters an extra weekly tip in appreciation. Everywhere they go, Dad and Maria are faithful samples and witnesses, and make many friends in these loving, helpful little ways.

17. THANK THE LORD THAT NEITHER DITO NOR I HAD ANY BAD FOOD REACTIONS or "traveller's tummy" when we arrived in Madeira, because the others who joined us there usually fell sick for a few days.

18. IT WAS QUITE A PROBLEM, THOUGH, ESPECIALLY IN THE BEGINNING, TO URGE DAVIDITO TO EAT when dining out in restaurants together. He always wanted to sit with Mommy's lap, which interfered with her eating well to keep up her strength, and he often just

refused to eat anything but bread! 19. DADDY SAID THAT WE JUST NEEDED TO TAKE MORE CHARGE OF THE SITUATION; he tells Davidito that he won't grow to be strong and big if he won't eat! But it seemed the more fuss we make over his eating, the harder he tries not to please us!

20. WE DISCOVERED EVENTUALLY THAT IF WE DIDN'T SERMONISE AND JUST IGNORED HIM, HE SEEMED TO EAT A LOT BETTER. But he still always eats best when away from Mommy and Daddy, because he's just too excited and shows off for them, wanting their full attention when we're all together for mealtime. He likes to drink decaffeinated coffee after his meals, like Mommy and Daddy often did, and he adds honey and health supplements to their foods.



"Drinking 'decaf' with milk!"

21. DISCIPLINE: WHEN DITO CONTINUED TO BE WHINEY AND PARTICULAR AT MEALTIMES WITH MOMMY AND DADDY, Dad explained that he's obviously very self-conscious and has a fear of perfection. He tries to "perform" and be so good