

because "it's like giving to the poor".

21. ONE EVENING WHILE WATCHING DAVIDITO FIX A SANDWICH AND FARM MILK for late snack for the boys, both of the maids marvelled as he spooned out the ingredients & poured milk by himself. "In Portugal we don't teach our children those things," they said, "He's very good at that, isn't he?"



they could barely afford. They asked us to pray for them, really full of faith that we would be of some kind of help, and they were always encouraged by our verses and witness throughout our friendship.

24. CHRISTINA AND I JOINED HANDS WITH THE MAIDS AT THEIR REQUEST AND PRAYED FOR THE DAUGHTER'S HEALING, when both of them burst into tears and were completely changed in a matter of moments! We believe they received the Lord right then & there, & when they arrived at the hospital, by a miracle of God, they discovered that the daughter was already quickly on the road to recovery & would probably not have to suffer through the operation the doctor had expected!! PTL!



Our Portuguese maids.



Eating with knife & fork!

22. IT'S QUITE STRANGE TO SEE CHILDREN IN MANY COUNTRIES ON THE STREETS IN BABY PRAMS WITH PACIFIERS IN THEIR MOUTHS who are the same age as our Family kids who are learning to read & write, etc.! The Lord has surely blessed us with exceptionally special children, do you believe that?

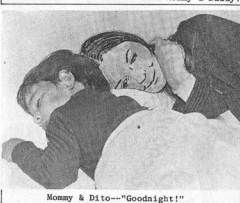


Dito dressing himself!

23. OUR SWEET HAPPY MAIDS CONTINUED WORKING WITH US FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS until they eventually had to quit when the daughter, about 22 years old, had to have a hospital operation that



Happy Time at Dinner with Mommy & Daddy!



Mommy & Dito--"Goodnight!"

"THE GUARANTEE OF FAITH!"--Chapter 48

1. ONE SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

MOMMY & DADDY INVITED DAVIDITO, DAVE & I TO THE AFTERNOON SHOW AT THE BIG CASINO which our little family usually frequented several nights a week Ftting. Usually only children over 6 are allowed in the clubs, but the Casino manager, performers and waiters were

our good friends, so we went ahead by faith that they'd let Davidito see the Show. 2. MOMMY SUGGESTED I EXPLAIN TO DITO AHEAD OF TIME THAT HE'D HAVE TO BE A VERY WELL-BEHAVED BOY and really pray they'd let him in, and all about what the Show would be like. Dito said he "had the faith", so at 6:00 we walked into the Casino Showroom, Daddy, Mommy and Dave first, then I was to follow closely behind them.

3. HOWEVER, THE DOOR MAN STOPPED US AND MENTIONED THAT DAVIDITO COULD NOT GO IN, holding him back by the shoulder, but Dito quickly jerked away, ran right on into the Showroom and climbed up on Daddy's lap. Two waiters then came to our table, and I told them, "He has permission, (Daddy's permission, ha!) and he's a real good boy! And I'll take him out if he's bad!" Just then the show began and the waiters let it pass. Thank You Jesus!

4. SO DITO WAS A VERY WELL-BEHAVED LITTLE BOY FOR THE WHOLE TWO-HOUR SHOW, He even laughed at the comedy and recognised the Show people who were the friends we'd witnessed to before at home. He rocked back & forth to the music & always put down the sandwiches they were willing, Alfred and I could come back with him served for snack the next day, and buy it, but nothing appeared to applaud after Davidito! Once his mind is made up, he'll never each act. It was or forget what he's after! He's a little spoiled in that way and Daddy said he needs to learn his lesson!



5. AFTER THE SHOW,

DADDY SUGGESTED THAT WE ALL GO SEE A PIMAL MOTORCYCLE HE'D SEEN EARLIER in a shop window. Just the idea excited Davidito so much that he requested over and over, "We want to buy a motorcycle!" (And we'd correct him, as usual, "I want, please!")

6. I STARTED TO TELL HIM THAT WE COULDN'T BUY IT TODAY, BUT DAD SUGGESTED TO HALL and let him discover for himself when we got there that the store is closed. He said, "It's good to teach him to wait, the anticipation and dreaming and thinking about it is half the excitement! It's like a lesson of faith. He can't get everything he wants when he sees it!"

7. DAVIDITO WAS SO EXCITED TO GET TO THE TOY STORE that by the time we arrived, he was a little ball of nervous energy! There we saw



the little play motor-bike with training wheels on display. The seat looked a little high but Daddy said we could sit at each wooden block to use pedals so he could reach them.

8. DADDY ASKED, "WOULD YOU LIKE DADDY TO BUY YOU THIS MOTORCYCLE?" Dito of course nodded very enthusiastically, then a little slower (because he already knew it was Sunday, I think, and that the store was closed!) So Dad pushed on the door and it was locked! The Dad pushed on the door and it was locked! Dad screamed and cried! "Oh my!!" Dad said.

9. POOR DAD, HE TRIED SO HARD TO MAKE IT ENJOYABLE AND EXCITING, Davidito is more nervous-ly excited, even to the point of crying, when with his own parents. He knows it's a special occasion to go out with them, and tries almost too hard to please and respect them.

10. EVERYONE TOOK TURNS WITH DITO, TRYING TO REASON AND EXPLAIN, Dad even said that, Lord willing, Alfred and I could come back with him served for snack the next day, and buy it, but nothing appeared to applaud after Davidito! Once his mind is made up, he'll never each act. It was or forget what he's after! He's a little spoiled in that way and Daddy said he needs to learn his lesson!

11. I PULLED DITO ASIDE AND SAID, "NOW, DON'T BE SUCH A FOOL!" Didn't you learn today how to Faith work? You had the faith to see the Casino Show, didn't you? Then you should remain strong in faith that you'll get your motorcycle if Jesus wants you to have it. I also had to have. I'd spank if he didn't stop his tantrum his I'd spank if he didn't stop his tantrum