

18. DAVIDITO LEARNED TO WRITE 3 NEW NAMES OF STAFF PEOPLE THIS MONTH. In just learning to write people's names, something he's very interested in doing, he has almost learned how to write the entire alphabet! When in bed at night he likes me to "write" names on his back, then he guesses the name. --Ofentimes before I would even complete it: Isn't that amazing?

19. WE READ IN A SCIENCE BOOK ABOUT HOW THE SEA BECOMES SALTY, then did an experiment by putting a bowl of salt & water out in the sun to see only the salt crystals left when the water had evaporated. We did another experiment about gravity when Alf filled a bucket half full of water, then swung it round & round in the air over his head so we could see that the water would not fall out, but was held in by centrifugal force!



Exercise fun, learning left foot from right!



Swing it, Alf!

20. THE GIRLS IN OUR HOME WERE FF-ING ALMOST NIGHTLY, & although Dad wasn't going out as often as he used to, a couple of unfavourable local news articles came "too

close for comfort"! In only a week's time in Madrid the Lord gave Dad another very serious warning about leaving the area--so they were off again, this time with Alfred & Timothy for a new living location.

21. MOMMY SPENT SEVERAL HOURS WITH DAVIDITO THE DAY BEFORE THEY HAD TO LEAVE on their trip & she explained they were planning on leaving Davidito & I behind for the next 12 days to pack up their belongings. Mommy told him that when they have to go on little trips, David is sometimes needed to stay back & help take care of Sara & Davida & the house before he can come join them, & he accepted that very well. He told Mommy, "But I don't think I'm a very good teacher because Davida doesn't do what I tell her to do!"



Mommy's my favourite special reading buddy!

22. SO HE BRAVELY SAID GOODBYE TO MOMMY, DADDY, ALF & TIM, & proceeded to do his best to take care of us like they'd said. Later that night he began to cry & whine over some little trial at the table, when Davida quickly looked over at him--& he straightened up right away! David whispered to me, "Oh, she's watching me. Davida might cry too." And when the lights went out for a short time he exclaimed, "Oh, the electricity cut off.--The fuses must have blown--I'll get a flashlight!"

23. HE GOT VERY ATTACHED TO A COLOURFUL PAPER CROWN that was a free gift at the Burger King. He would hardly part with it--even to go to sleep! Ana said to him, "You look like the Prince with your crown", & Davidito said, "No, I am the king!" Ana said, "No, Daddy is the king", but Little David said, "No, Daddy is gone, so I am the king, & when Daddy comes back, there will be two kings here!" Oh my!

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1. AT THE END OF MARCH, MOMMY, DADDY & ALF LEFT OUR HOME IN MADRID for a new & different home--to-be in lovely Switzerland. Davidito, Sue & I were apart from them for 12 days, remaining in Madrid to pack all our belongings. We heard through a phone message that when the Folks were discussing Davidito at the dinner table, Alf began to cry because he missed him so much! --He's such a sweet, loving father!

2. ON APRIL 8TH, AFTER A 24 HOUR TRAIN RIDE, DAVID, SUE & I ARRIVED AT OUR BEAUTIFUL NEW HOME IN SWITZERLAND to join our sweet family, including new staff members whom we'd never known before. Field helpers had offered us this home, & others living there with them were a typist & secretary, a national interpreter & helper with the children, & a photoman & all around handyman. Our Latin helper & little 2-year-old Davida later joined us again with another couple & their little girl & our American seamstress, cook & shopper.



Grandpa & his kids!

3. THE LORD HAS GIVEN US THE MOST BEAUTIFUL, ISOLATED HOME HERE in the country & surrounded by tall green forests for long walks & exploring. A fenced-in yard includes play equipment & a tricycle, & inside we have a big furnished schoolroom--with a sweet calico cat named Maria. Jesus so wonderfully supplies these things for us & knows what we have need of before we even ask Him! (Mt.6:8.) PTL! With every move we find new fun experiences to learn from.

4. ON FREQUENT WALKS TO THE NEARBY WOODS & FIELDS, we can see sheep & dairy cows grazing, huge fields of crops & wild flowers, large ant hills, (which are screened for protection & conservation by the diligent Swiss naturalists), big tractors plowing the fields, & squirrels playing along



Lunch, camp style!

the path. David often takes nature walks with Richard, & once all on his own he recognised a flower from a picture book they were referring to.

5. NOT ONLY DOES THE SWISS GOVERNMENT PROTECT THEIR GIANT ANTHILLS in the woods, but they register their birds! The first guest at our new home was a game warden who asked to inspect the number on the little birdhouse in our backyard! David has been very helpful picking dandelions & nettles from the fields for our family meals!



Gathering dandelions for dinner.

Dear Tim planted a garden & we got to dress the big scarecrow & watch his funny happy clothes flap in the breeze right outside our window every day!

6. ALF MAKES OUTSIDE PLAY ESPECIALLY FUN FOR THE KIDS. He built an obstacle course with barricades of boxes in the yard for David to race around on his tricycle & compare his own timed scores. The boys built big construction sites & tunnels in the sandbox too, which we covered with window screening & weighted down on two ends with boards to close the sides to keep out cats. The wind & sun still help clean & purify the sand when covered this way so the children always have a spiffy sandbox!

7. DADDY IMMEDIATELY FELL IN LOVE WITH THE SWISS HOUSE because of the beautiful view of God's creation from every window