

3. TWO WEEKS BEFORE, ALFRED AND I WERE THRILLED TO RECEIVE A CALL FROM DAVID AND MARIA WITH THE NEWS THAT THEY PLANNED TO BE RETURNING SOON! During the last three summer months, we had been in Tenerife ministering to friends and caring for baby Angelina and the house. We had also participated in a wedding ceremony as best man and woman as the folks' replacement; Carlos had received Jesus and the Holy Spirit; and I had gotten pregnant in their absence, thank You Jesus!

4. DAD SAID THE LORD HAD NOT YET RETRACTED WHAT HE HAD SAID BEFORE ABOUT THIS ISLAND PARADISE being the place he was to live, so now that they were done with their "vacation", they wanted to come back "home". We received instructions to begin looking for a new place to rent for our now enlarged staff. David told us over the telephone,

5. "WHAT I'D REALLY LIKE TO HAVE IS A BIG FURNISHED HOUSE WITH AT LEAST FIVE OR SIX BEDROOMS, a big fireplace for burning security trash, a good telephone system of course, good mailing communications and a big walled-in garden for Davidito. I hope you can find a quiet, isolated place, maybe out in the banana fields, and preferably in the warmest part of the Island." He said,

6. "I TOLD THE LORD, 'YOU KNOW I'VE LOVED SO MUCH SWIMMING IN THE OCEAN this summer, I really need good exercise everyday. Please, Lord, if we could just have a swimming pool--just a small one, Lord, and heated if possible." He mentioned that we should consider having a good



water supply, as well as prepared security and survival measures. Alfred and I claimed in prayer each of these specific requests for the King's new abode, and

7. THE VERY NEXT DAY THE LORD GAVE US THE VERY FIRST HOUSE WE SAW, the perfect one! What's more, our new home was located on the edge of the same little banana village where Carlos and family were born and raised! Dad thought it was quite significant that Davidito would grow up in the same village with his own people, family and friends!

8. THE DAY BEFORE WE GOT THE FINAL WORD THAT IT WAS OURS, I HAD A VISION IN PRAYER OF THE BIG HOUSE out in the banana fields with a huge golden king's crown set on top, with the only sounds being the two turtles making love in the garden! Hallelujah! We enjoyed living there for the next year--and-a-half in the beautiful heaven on earth in El Barrio del Durazno (Peach Village) in the gorgeous green Valley of Orotava, Tenerife.

9. DAD, MARIA, DAVIDITO, LUCY AND DAVE ARRIVED AT CASA TREBOL ON 15 SEPTEMBER, 1975. Dad inspected the house thoroughly and kept thanking us for preparing it for him, and cried because the

Lord had been so wonderful to us!
10. I WAS SO SURPRISED WHEN DAD REFUSED TO LIVE IN THE BEAUTIFUL BIG MASTER BEDROOM at the back of the house but preferred the scruffy little one-room garage house which had previously been used as an outside storage shed. He said Davidito could take the master bedroom because he was the one who runs the place anyway!

11. DAD SHARED A GOOD TALK AFTER DINNER ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EACH OF OUR JOBS and our ministry with the babies. Lucy would continue to mother Davidito and I would care for Angelina, Lucy's baby. He prayed a beautiful prayer afterwards that he hoped that this little staff wouldn't be too homesick for "normal" colony activities and fellowship.--Imagine that!

12. HE'S SO CONSIDERATE OF OUR NEEDS AND WELL BEING. We were so thankful, so appreciative, so at peace and secure to be back together with them again after 3 long months alone! Everyone fit in right away at our new home and Davidito explored it thoroughly by crawling from one end of the house to the other!

13. SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER DADDY GAVE US ANOTHER DINNER TALK ON HOW TO PREVENT THE BABIES CATCHING COLDS and coughs by keeping them properly dressed at all times. He pointed out specific examples over the last month's time how we could have kept Davidito more appropriately dressed, as when playing on the boat deck, when out on walks, in the cool of the evening, etc.

14. THE FOLKS ARE ALWAYS MINDFUL OF OUR EVERY LITTLE DEED AND

SO FAITHFUL TO TEACH US. They warned us to be more cautious, and prepared for temperature changes with proper clothing when out with the babies and to be especially careful and prayerful in caring for sick children.

15. DADDY SAID, "THE ONLY WAY TO LOSE YOUR CROWN IS TO DESPISE YOUR REWARD." We're continually grateful here for the blessings and lessons God is giving us.

16. DADDY FIRMLY DISCIPLINED DAVIDITO FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN EIGHT MONTHS OLD. After warning him with a stern "No!" not to try to eat the dirt from the flowerbed, Little David quickly put it right into his mouth; whereupon Daddy slapped his hand and repeated, "No!" But Davidito defiantly repeated the act, so Daddy, with a "No, no, no!" slapped his hand hard again. When stubborn Little David finally saw that Daddy meant what he said, he screamed at the top of his lungs and wouldn't forgive him the rest of the day! After you discipline him he always snobs you for hours, and you have to do an extra special job of loving him up to gain favour again.

17. DADDY SAID WE MUST ALWAYS MAKE HIM OBEY even when we tell him to come to us, and not laugh when he scurries off in the opposite direction! Mommy assigned again several chapters for us to study from childcare books as well as first-aid and safety precaution information. Because Davidito was so fast at crawling around in the house and exploring every little thing,

18. MOMMY AND DADDY WARNED US TO "BABYPROOF" THE HOUSE by removing everything from within his