

even safe for children! More kids drown in America every year by using little swimming inner tubes and swimming aids than children who don't use them, because they easily tip upside down in them and drown because they can't get their balance to come back up again.



16. DITO CAN NOW JUMP OFF THE SIDE OF THE POOL hand-in-hand with Alfred into the shallow end, and bob right back up again, holding his own breath! When standing on the steps, he will put his whole face underwater and pick up the water hose, or blow bubbles with eyes open under the water.

17. I'VE BEEN TEACHING HIM TO SIT ON THE SHALLOW STEPS AT WAIST WATER-LEVEL and stroke with his tightly-closed hands like paddles. He enjoys most of all to swim on his tummy when being held by his sides, and once he gets close to the steps we can let go so that he will actually pull himself up to the steps with one or two strong strokes until he can grasp

the steps for himself.

18. FAMILY VISITS: ALFRED, DITO AND I VISITED "DADDY" CARLOS' HOME to see his sister Conchi's new little baby. We brought them gifts from Dad and Maria and found that the family had truly been going through some big problems and crises in their lives, just as the Lord had said they would. As we were leaving, I said to Dito, "Say good-bye to your little baby cousins!" and he turned and waved to them Spanish-style and said, "Adios!"

19. PROGRESS AND ACTIVITIES: DITO WAS LEARNING TO POTTY DURING THIS TIME. He was also learning to speak his first few words, but mostly jabbering in his own little way. Daddy says he looks just like a chimpanzee when he smiles with such a big mouthful of teeth. He could easily pass for a three-year-old with so many teeth!



20. SEVERAL TIMES WE VISITED THE PUERTO DE LA CRUZ CARNIVAL

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with other Family members, Timothy and Cornia Concerned and their children. We had prayerfully considered whether we should put the kids on the rides because the spirit was quite confusing at the carnival grounds, but David-ito proved to be a real trooper and showed no fear whatsoever.



21. ON THE CAROUSEL HE SAT IN THE BIG FIRE ENGINE, and much to our amazement, he wanted to ride the airplane that goes up and down, high above our heads. He stopped and watched the bumper cars a while, but got a little disgusted at their brutality. When the marching band began to play, he began boldly marching along in the central plaza to the music.

22. WHEN HE IS FINISHED EATING AT THE TABLE HE LIKES TO CLIMB DOWN from his chair and take his own plate and bib to the kitchen and place them on the counter. He takes every responsibility so seriously.

23. ONE SUNNY MORNING WE HAD A TYPE OF "SCAVENGER HUNT". We cut out pictures from a coloring book or things we could find in the yard: a leaf, a red flower, a violet, a ball, a yellow weed and a pear, then pasted the pictures on cardboard and went out to find them, and put them into a bag.



24. I WASN'T SURE AT FIRST IF HE UNDERSTOOD MY INSTRUCTIONS, but right away he spotted a green leaf, just like in one of the pictures, and picked it up to "awe" over it while showing it to me. We'd X off the things on the card as we found them.

25. HE MISTOOK A RED LEAF FOR A RED FLOWER, and when I explained the difference, he didn't try to keep the leaf, but was determined to find the red flower. He went into the kitchen to find the pear, last of all, then ate it for snack for his little reward!

26. PETS: WE VISITED A LITTLE PET SHOP IN OROTAVA when out shopping, and for a big surprise for everyone I brought home a little baby duck in a sack. Even David-ito didn't know I had brought the duck home, and I wasn't quite sure of the reaction, since we hadn't asked permission first.

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