



13. DAVIDITO ALWAYS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF PLAYING WITH THE VILLAGE CHILDREN a bit every day, but yet he learned everything in his most impressive first two years from an adult environment. Therefore he was continually learning from us every minute of the day and was not influenced by the behaviour of other children for quite some time.



Learning the dinner prayer in Spanish with sister Mercedes.



14. NEW STAFF HELPERS CAME TO JOIN OUR LITTLE FAMILY THIS MONTH --Sue and Monty came from the field in South America to help do secretarial and handyman work, as well as a bit of childcare.

15. WITH THE HELP OF AN EXTRA HANDYMAN, THE LOCAL CARPENTER MADE A NEW BED for Davidito in a small rectangular size with wheels on the legs for easier moving and with little wooden sides to keep him from rolling out.

16. HIS NEW "BIG-BOY-BED" REPLACED HIS CRIB and the new rules are: no toys and no shoes in bed; the little toys he'd take to bed with him would always wake him up as he'd move about in his sleep, so "new rules" on the new bed came easy for him to accept. He can now reach out to get his own drink of water from a cup by his bed during the night without waking us for help. The boys also put up a thick rope banister down the basement stairway so Davidito can hold on as he walks down the

steps all by himself.

17. BEHAVIOUR: HE INSISTED ON TAKING HIS STUFFED TOY PAPA LION ON A WALK to the village one morning with Dave. The last few days he has become more babyish. He acts like he can't do lots of simple things on his own, like taking toys on and off the shelf, pouring, table manners, etc.



18. HE'S HAD SEVERAL BIG SPANKS FOR KICKING HIS TOYS AND STANDING ON BOOKS and things he hasn't done for months! He got a spank on his leg at naptime for crying out for toys to sleep with, then throwing them out when we'd hand them to him. He gets real convicted when I tell him he's acting like a baby, though, and stops misbehaving with a good stern warning. Is this a reaction to Davida's being gone?

19. EXCURSIONS: ON OUR WALKS INTO TOWN FOR SHOPPING TRIPS, WE USUALLY MAKE A VISIT TO A BUSY HOTEL to see the telephone operator's switchboard, the recrea-



tion rooms or the hairdressers where the older ladies have their hair dyed blue!



20. WE BOTH LOVE MORNING WALKS IN THE BANANA FIELDS for a little time to "Stop, Look and Listen". We walk along very quietly while he smells the wild flowers and