



Our homemade scarecrow!



Home sweet home!--For Dad & "Maria".



What a view!--A Swiss farm scene.

& the big tall trees & songbirds that would peck in at him as he sat on the back balcony to work, eat, pray or "love".

He'd be so encouraged by a little visiting sparrow on the railing or a squirrel in the tree, but would shoo away the noisy black crows that'd try to ruin the others' fun & harmony.

8. ON THE UNUSUAL & SURPRISE INVITATION OF AN EGYPTIAN MAN FRIEND whom I'd met earlier in Madrid, I took a 12-day exploratory trip to Cairo, Egypt to visit family loved ones Jared & Lucy, David's



Cairo family with baby David on shoulders of their native maid & nanny.

former nanny. Dad said we'd been very sympathetic to the Arabs for a long time & it's about time someone let them know about it! He's been waiting for a long time for the Lord to give us the key to Egypt, & the Arabs now need to know we're really rootin' for them!

9. DAD & MARIA MADE CERTAIN IT WAS AGREED BY ALL, especially my mate Alf, that I should go--Oh! What a faith trip that was, & how difficult it was to leave "home", but the Lord did use the witness there to help many people & visiting the Family there, & a trip to the Great Pyramids made it worth it all!

10. OF COURSE, I MISSED EVERYONE AT HOME VERY MUCH, ESPECIALLY DAVIDITO, who also missed me alot, & just as I expected, he resented my "leaving" him & acted rather snobbish & offended towards me when I first returned home. It was a good experience in a way to see how he would behave with the others in my absence, & it gave him time to draw closer to our new staff member & helper, Richard. David very much enjoyed playing with him outside, as well as doing special jobs around the house such as helping to burn trash, watering the plants & doing security check at night. The Lord even gave Dad a little message that said David would have a great love for Richard, who proved to be a charming, gentle friend & helper to have with us there in our home.

11. DAVID WAS SURE TO "TRAIN" RICHARD

well in the house chores & clean-up, & even warned him about just how far to stand away from the fire, to beware of sharp knives in the dish water, & not to leave appliances switched "on" when unplugging them from the wall socket!

12. WHEN OUR GERMAN BROTHER FIRST CAME TO THE HOUSE for driver/handyman training, he didn't even know just who lived there, until several nights later, before dinner, he asked Richard how long David had been separated from his parents. We then informed him that he wasn't & into the dining room those two very special parents walked, to warmly hug & greet him for the first time! PTL & GB'm!



Freetime to fly away!

13. WHEN ONE DAY HE POLISHED SHOES WITH a helper, David said he wanted to get money of his own to buy a puzzle. So they charged people in the house a certain price for having their shoes polished & made out "IOU's" for the ones who didn't have money to pay on the spot. David charged me double price for polishing my boots! But Mommy reminded us later that he shouldn't get the idea that we work for money, but we do work projects for others out of love, & sometimes get a little reward or love gift from the Lord for a faithful job well done.

14. WE CONSIDERED THEN THAT THIS LESSON IS IMPORTANT TO SHARE WITH ALL OUR CHILDREN who regularly listen or sing & receive donations. Seeing money come in as a result of witnessing may impress our kids that money is our goal or reward for the service we are called to do for Jesus. So please be prayerful & be sure to explain to the children that the greatest reward in our lives is our own dedicated service & love to the Lord, & if they merit a shiner prize or "tip" for their own savings, it may help that you offer it at a different time rather than immediately after having completed each work project, as if they've just worked for a type of salary.

15. LEARNING ACTIVITIES RICHARD WAS IN-

CLUDED ON ALL OF OUR SCHOOL SESSIONS THIS MONTH. We divide the different types of lessons between us that interest us to teach the children, then study up a bit for ideas. Richard enjoys science, music & art, & because David is more accustomed to my teaching him, I'm continuing on math, reading & writing. The children together enjoy daily devotions, memorisation & Bible flannelgraphs.

16. A NEW FUN ACTIVITY IS PUPPET SHOWS ALL IN SPANISH. Just a simple common dialogue between a girl & boy puppet, or a witnessing & song puppet-skit have been real successful aides in teaching Spanish vocabulary to the kids. They anxiously await every show & are eager to answer questions or name the puppets, etc., in Spanish!--Good review & real fun!

17. WHEN DAVID SEEMED TO LOSE INTEREST SOME IN READING ALOUD TO US, his zeal was sparked up again when I one day offered we read Playboy Magazine!--And of all things to get his "motor runnin'", he was infatuated with motorcycle ads! Ha! I think I had not offered enough of a variety of reading materials at the time, only Bible story & devotional books, etc. With more opportunity to read from reference books & even mechanic car magazines, etc., he began to read aloud on his own again!

18. WHEN READING ALOUD, HE OFTEN ADDS A FEW OF HIS OWN WORDS to each line when not pointing to the words. This must be an inbetween stage of learning to follow a visual pathway in reading more fluently--with lots of imagination to add!

19. WRITING: ALF HAS CONTINUED WITH DAVID'S TYPING PRACTICE by spelling out simple words for David to type while sitting on Alf's lap at a desk. A little hint of which line the letter is on helps David peck out short little messages on the typewriter & he learned all the capital letters this way! We also pasted toothpicks on a poster to read in capitals, "TRUST AND OBEY".

20. WE HAVE WRITTEN SEVERAL COMPOSITIONS about special days of shopping, picnics, excursions, etc. I explained to him how to use the "five w's & an h" in his stories--who, what, when, where, why & how. His sentences are grammatically structured pretty well & he likes to illustrate them himself in his little composition book. I made a chart for the wall of the alphabet in capital & lower case letters & wrote up the numbers 1-30 for his reference for writing.

21. MATH: ALONG WITH LEARNING TO WRITE