The Beloved of God & all His children!

DEPARTURE FROM SWITZERLAND 1. IT WAS EARLY THE BEAUTIFUL MORNING OF AUGUST 20, 1978, & the car was packed & waiting outside to take us to the airport, this case, for sure!

Daddy had been packed up already for several days & had exhorted us time & again that the only luggage we were allowed to

2. WHILE WAITING FOR US TO FINISH OUR GOOD-BYES in parting with others of our dear staff, whom we reluctantly had to leave behind, Daddy sat out on his back porch balcony sipping his morning coffee- 8. THANK THE LORD THE FLIGHT WAS JUST milk for the last time, before leaving beautiful Switzerland that had been so good to us!

3. TIMOTHY DROVE MOMMY, DADDY, DAVIDITO & MYSELF TO THE AIRPORT for our scheduled flight to Malta, where we'd soon meet Al- to say to customs officials, etc, when fred & Path who had already been there for a month's time & had found us temporary housing. Timothy & Sue were the final fol-bag purse, not only the usual camera, low-up team who would meet us there at a later date.

4. WHILE WAITING AT THE AIRPORT, DADDY GAVE DAVIDITO ALL HIS LEFTOVER POCKET CHANGE & suggested he buy with the 15 Swiss Francs what little car or surprise he chose from the gift shop! He was a real good boy throughout the entire trip & when our flight was called, we hustled off to our gate, every arm & hand loaded with some kind of luggage!

5. CONSIDERING THE VOLUME OF PAPERWORK DONE IN THIS HOUSEHOLD & that we have no choice but to carry our most fragile, important & security materials with us, our hand luggage can sure mount up, no matter after having been away for one month. how much we try to keep it down! And of

were guided in the wrong direction & walked almost one kilometer down the wrong corridor searching for our gate -- finding no porter to carry our luggage, & barely made it all the way back again in time to the right gate!

6. DADDY URGED DITO & I TO HURRY ALONG AHEAD as much as possible since we were running so late, to save them places & make sure we made our flight, but oh, my heart sank as I saw that Daddy was struggling along & barely making it, having just recovered from his serious illness only a few weeks earlier, & Mommy Maria was in her early pregnancy & now feeling very weak! They both had to sit & rest for several minutes & Daddy said it nearly killed him to hurry & struggle along that long corridor, carrying their hand luggage. "How like death moving was", in

7. (OFTENTIMES, WE, HERE WITH DAD, PRAY IN THESE MOMENTS OF EMERGENCY that all you Family's prayers for our King & Queen take on this move was what we could carry will be put into action at those very needy moments, for their sakes! So if you ever feel a sudden urgent burden to pray for them, you'll know we're calling on you as "Operators" & really need your help in the Spirit, PTL!)

> BEAUTIFUL! -- And Dad & Maria both rested well. Daddy always explains to us exactly how to fill out the landing card & even takes the time beforehand to discuss every detail of our plans, including what travelling together. Mommy made sure to remind me to carry along in my big travelmoney, tissues, reader, snacks, notepad & other "essentials", but several plastic bags for storing leftover food in when eating out, as well as a small flask of water for rinsing mouths after eating the snacks we've carried along.

9. DADDY POINTED OUT TO US THE BIG SWISS ALPS down below from our view from the airplane window. He prefers to sit right at the wing in the middle of the plane where it's smoother & for a nice view, He was also kidding with Dito, saying, "Do you see Alfred? Where is he? Can you find him down below?" Ha! -- Since Dito was so anxious & excited to see Alfred again,

all things, believe it or not, we somehow FRED & PATH, waving eagerly at us as we 10. AND A HAPPY REUNION IT WAS TO SEE AL-



A horse & buggy ride!

finally passed through customs, thank the lord! We all climbed into the big oldfashioned taxi waiting for us, "with the Mering-wheel on the wrong side" & were soon settled in our new, tiny little spartment in a small bay area of town. baddy, in a very kind, friendly way, requested that the taxi driver drive slowly. "I'd rather live longer! Please drive blowly, we're in no hurry, GBY!" he said, he usually does to any taxi driver in any country. & tipped the man in appreclation for his cooperation.

11. BECAUSE HE HAD NOT NAPPED THAT AE-IERNOON, DAVID TOOK A LATE NAP about 10:30 PM & woke happily at 11:30 with the energy to go out with us for dinner!



Dad said wearing only underwear was all we needed in hot weather!--Mmmm!--A sexy ria's work & rest times. Therefore, we Summer!

Since Daddy suggested everyone could place their own order, Davidito boldly spoke first & ordered, "I would like only cheese, please!" Rather than trying to coax him to eat in public, Daddy explained to the waitress, "Well, we've learned the best thing to do is just let him eat what he wants. He eats better at home!"

12. DAVID ACTUALLY GAINED A HUGE APPE-TITE WHILE HERE IN MALTA, even in spite of the very hot climate, which we were not accustomed to. Mommy & Daddy were very happy about his big appetite & said as long as he can eat it, he apparently must need it & use it up!

13. HE'S ENTERED QUITE AN INDEPENDENT STAGE NOW THAT WE ALL HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION, so we don't interfere with his own ideas. For example, he takes his tennis shoes out of the closet about three or four times a day now to put them on all by himself, but before he gets them on his foot, he takes his shoestrings all the way out, puts his shoe on. then tries to lace his shoe all the way back up. He wets the end with his little fingers & makes a point on the frazzled end of the shoestring, & if you make any attempt to interfere without asking him first, he will become very offended &

frustrated. 14. IT'S HUMBLING FOR HIM TO ASK HELP ON ANYTHING NOW, he's so very proud of the fact that he is now "31" years old. & wants to do everything completely on his own, even some things we cannot allow because he's not quite capable of doing, He wants to cut his own bread, crack his own eggs for breakfast, watch everything that is being cnoked for him on top of the stove from the stool nearby, erase his own pencil mistakes when writing in school, make his own bed & not have it redone again, comb his own hair, everything! I think it's all very good, if we can be sure to channel it in the right directions & not discourage him with imnatience'

15. EACH MOVE TO A NEW LOCATION PRESENTS NEW OPPORTUNITIES & CHANGES TO EXPERIENCE TOGETHER, so it's quite fun & even challenging to make the best out of every day! With us five adult staff members & Davidito in one tiny apartment, we had to adjust our work schedules & responsibilities accordingly so as to respect Dad & Mausually had David out & about on errands