

& shopping a great deal of the time.

16. SO ANY KIND OF LEARNING OR "SCHOOL ROUTINE" WAS COMPLETELY CHANGED WITH OUR INITIAL MOVE TO MALTA. For we had not only lost a "schoolroom", but the time, since our household chores & responsibilities were of foremost importance for the time being. However, we had loads of fun with Dito just while riding along on the rickety, old buses through the streets of Malta, reviewing our verses, "whispering songs", adding & subtracting prices while out shopping, & just seeing & discussing what seemed like a whole new world for little David at the time: We devised all sorts of number & counting games, Spanish conversation & songs, hopscotch along the sidewalks, etc. & one of our favourite pastimes while riding, was counting trailer hitchers! Alfred was so surprised to hear David count aloud from 1-50 while on a bus ride one day, & when on an errand at the bank, & when the time to explain to us all about the Telex machine & its purpose of receiving long-distance messages "all on its own", then typing them out before your very eyes: Fun!

17. WHILE DADDY TALKS TO THE FAMILY TOGETHER AT NIGHT TIME, DAVID HAS BEEN DEAD about sitting on my little trolley case at a low coffee table & working on



Working on a measuring workbook exercise while Daddy talks to Family!

his workbooks all alone. He can keep himself busy now for quite awhile & seems to enjoy "schooling himself" this way! We suggested several times, "hey, we can't have school from books & not these units, units, units! All these units! Drives me crazy!" Ha!--Looks like time to drop math lessons for awhile!

18. BEING AWAY FROM HIS "LITTLE SISTER" (David) for one month, David had no playmate for awhile, till one day when the sweet Maidment came to clean our little apartment with her five-year old son. David immediately joined him on the floor to play cars together. The little boy only spoke enough English to call David, "hey, boy!" David was quite puzzled at his mixture of languages, but played along & shared a snack real well with the little boy. He also noticed that



Dito finds a little brown boyfriend & plays in his portable fold-up farm, made of cardboard.

The little boy only had one old toy car, but he had quite a few & is usually eager to play more if he can. We've been dealing with a sort of materialistic streak in him lately, but being convicted that he was more blessed than this other little brown boy, David offered him several of his own toy cars very willingly. GBC:

19. HE'S USUALLY QUITE LEARY OF BRINGING AROUND SIBLING CHALLENGES UNLESS DAVID IS WITH HIM. when on our frequent errands in the city, we usually try to stop off at some little playground for at least a short while, for David's sake. He loves to swing & play as long as you are very close-by, but he avoids the other children at the playground like some kind of little monsters, thinking they're too rowdy & rough for him. (---Much like Dad did too, as a child!) When other kids



Swinging at sunset in Malta!

try to mingle with him, he'll actually get so nervous, he'll begin to fret & whimper, & out of timidity, he puts his fingers in his mouth.

20. DAVID ALWAYS TAKES UP A STEADY STREAM WHEN OUT ON WALKS, on & on & on the entire time he is outdoors: One might be propositioned us, "if you take me out for a walk, I'll let you two talk together or some!" Ha, Ha! Due to our frequent moves--three times this month--Davidito had a recurrence of his stammering problem that seemed to be quite bad, until I had a talk with him about it & real good prayer. He then squeezed his eyes shut to pray with all of his heart for Jesus to help him stop stammering, & there were no further signs of it within one week's time, thank the Lord!



Helping Sue pinning up a hem on a maternity dress for Mommy!



Handyman Helper!--he washed the trash can three times that day, he!

21. OUR FREQUENT MOVES MEANT A LOT OF HARD WORK ON HOUSE CLEAN-UP & PREPARATIONS, which David always participates in & is usually a very good boy, very "efficient in business", & redoes his own time keeping busy with chores. It was a little difficult for him at first to be with others on the staff if Alfred & I both were busy or had to go out together, etc, but either one of sexy Fath or Sue can



Sue & Fath--"Bathing Beauties" in the bath!

easily distract him when he seems worried about seeing us leave together:

22. HE ACTUALLY BECAME VERY FOND OF BEING WITH THE OTHER GIRLS, BUT HAD A FUNNY LITTLE HABILTY of wanting to close the doors whenever with them. Mommy said we