



Dad & Mama sing a beautiful duet
"In the Garden".

titude whatsoever, even though he could see plainly that she was expecting the baby very soon: Therefore, he was free to feel as close to Mommy & Daddy as before & had no logical reason to feel second-place removed at all prior to the baby's birth. We all greatly admired Dad & Maria's concern for David's feelings! A note from Maria to Davidito:

Dear David, 3 February 1979
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE NICE SURPRISE LAST NIGHT! The cookies were so good—delicious! I'm glad you're learning how to bake & cook. We want you to understand, David, the reason we have to go out so much at night after we get done with our work: Almost all of the time when we work we are sitting down in a chair writing or reading. There is so much work to be done for the Lord & so little time to do it that we have to stay in our room all day working on the Letters to feed all of God's hungry children all over the world.
BY EVENING WE NEED TO GO OUT IN THE FRESH AIR & GET SOME GOOD EXERCISE BY GOING FOR A LONG WALK. If we didn't get some long walks when we go out, or dancing when we stay home, we would get weak & sick. So we have to make a special effort to exercise every day. You are very active in your work & play all day so you don't have to have a special time for exercise. But people that sit a lot need to take a special time to do something active. That's why Daddy says that every-

one in our house should go outside some time each day, & especially Path & Jack who sit at their desks working so much.
WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH, DAVID, & pray for you. We are so happy that you love Jesus & are learning so much of His Word to



Schoolltime outside in the fresh air & sunshine!

make you strong, to be a good example to all of us. You'll always be my special little boy—Daddy's too! We love you very much. Love, Mommy.

F.S. MY MOTHER & FATHER, WHO ARE YOUR GRANDPARENTS, SENT YOU A BIRTHDAY CARD. It's the one with the little hummingbirds on the front. My grandmother, who is the mother of my mother, & is your great grandmother, sent you a birthday card also. It has the little boy on the front. They love you & like to when I send them pictures of you. Love, Mommy.

5. DAVIDA, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS ANXIOUSLY ANTICIPATING THE NEWBORN'S BIRTH, playing mommy with every little thing that resembled a dolly, stuffing clothing up her dress to look pregnant as well, & even pretending to be pregnant & trying to "discuss" it with Mommy Maria who was in the same pregnant state as herself, ha! We actually tried to keep David from being quite so exuberant & talkative about it in front of David, since he didn't seem to understand what all the excitement was about!

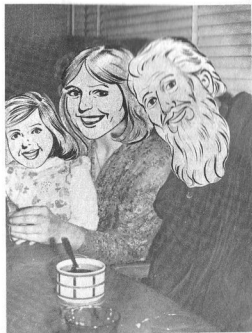
6. ONE NIGHT WHEN DAVIDA WAS PREPARING A LITTLE "CRIB" FOR TECHI out of a shoebox right up next to our bed, David said stoically, "Techi's going to sleep with Mommy & Daddy". I answered "Oh, she is?"



Davida "prepares for Tech" using Rabbit as her baby in a pram!

How do you know that? Who told you that?" And he looked rather annoyed about it saying, "Oh, I just know". I then explained, "No, I think Tech'i's going to sleep with Dora..." when Davida looked up with wide-eyed surprise that she was going to lose her Dora to Tech'i, so I quickly added, "Or Sue, or maybe we'll just all take turns with Tech'i!" Oh my, what a predicament!

7. IT SEEMS THOSE DAYS & WEEKS JUST BEFORE A NEW BABY COMES TO THE HOUSE YOU ALWAYS WONDER HOW IT'S GOING TO AFFECT THE OTHER CHILDREN & how you'll ever begin a new routine, how we're really going to have to take care of the baby & really make her a part of our Family like all the others in the house. It's all really very exciting, although you have to take the children's feelings into account very carefully & prayerfully, making sure they understand that the baby belongs to all of us & that a newborn is a direct gift from God! We were all very thankful about it, & it wasn't difficult for the children to grasp the idea that they too were once babies, & we all helped to care for



Davida, Dora & dear Dad!



Three cheers for Jewel the cook!
--lip-hip-hooray!