

which really hindered the matter, as we of course did not want the cold to spread to the baby or anyone at the apartment, but Mommy & Daddy would call the house & ask to speak with David fairly often & still showed a great love & interest in him!

8. THE VERY FIRST VISIT DAVID MADE TO SEE MOMMY & DADDY AFTER THEIR MOVIE WAS THE DAY TECHI CAME HOME FROM HOSPITAL. (See Tech Story Chapter 2.) Mommy & Daddy already had a nice gift prepared for David, which was a super neat gyroscope which he played with often afterwards.



Dito's new gyroscope, a love gift from M&M!

Mommy was hoping in her heart that the day David came to visit them once Tech was home from the hospital that Daddy would be sure to give David his fulltime attention as well & greet him warmly, etc. rather than be too wrapped up with the arrival of the new baby, whom Daddy had not yet seen! Just as Maria had wished, Daddy was very welcome & happy to see dear little David & played with him first for awhile before very considerably following David into the newborn's room to see Tech for the first time, letting David lead the way! Mommy's heart's desire & a beautiful, warm family reunion! PTL!

9. ONE AFTERNOON WE PLANNED TO TAKE THE CHILDREN TO SEE THE WALT DISNEY MOVIE "BAMBI". We first stopped by Mommy & Daddy's place with David for a short visit before the movie started. Mommy, making sure that the baby was already fed & in

her pram & not in her arms while David came to visit, greeted him warmly & gave him some nice paperback science books & a couple of gifts that people had sent in from the field. Then Daddy gave David a very special "manly" gift--A real compass that Dad had been carrying in his pocket for several years. He explained to David that if he gets lost, he can just get out his compass & find his location, explaining to him all about the directions & poles, etc! Later at the "Bambi" movie, along with Alfred & Dora & our little David, David really enjoyed himself & especially liked the big strong stags that would fight with their antlers!

10. HAVING SEEN THE MOVIE SEVERAL TIMES AS A YOUNG CHILD, I REMEMBERED IT VERY WELL & WAS ACTUALLY DEEPLY IMPRESSED by the scene where Bambi's mother was shot & killed, leaving Bambi alone. Because we did not want to be the cause of any stumbling block to David, especially at such a delicate time, Alf & I had prayed & decided to take both children out of



Daddy also gave me his real "spy-glasses" with binocular lenses!

the movie for this scene so that they would not relate the subject in any way to our being apart from Dad & Maria, & also just to play it on the safe side, & Maria agreed to our decision! Other parents may not see this necessary to do with their children, but in this particular case seeing how responsible we were for David's fulltime care, we prayed & thought it best to spare him from any type of sorrow or bad impression from a system movie.

11. I'M SURE NOW THAT ONE REASON WHY I WAS SO HIGHLY IMPRESSIONABLE AS A CHILD IS SO THAT I CAN STILL EVEN NOW EASILY RELATE TO OUR CHILDREN'S SITUATIONS & REACTIONS to new experiences. TTL that our children are taught the Word & can "know what is true & false by the standard of God's Word." (E:29) Children who are "left to their own doings" or thoughts & conclusions throughout life are most often left with bad impressions in new, strange experiences! It certainly helps to not over-protect them from every new experience, but to help them thru it, talk & pray about it together!

12. MOMMY WAS WRITING SWEET NOTES BACK & FORTH TO DAVID EVERY CHANCE SHE GOT & DAD WOULD SAY TO US ON THE TELEPHONE, "GIVE DAVID A LOT OF LOVE FROM ME!"

*Thursday, 29 March 1979*  
Dear Mommy & Daddy,  
I love you! I got a big star because I did a big chart. I wrote in the missing numbers in each space, 1 to 100!  
David has a cold now. When she's better she can come to the apartment.  
I reviewed 48 quotes with Sara & we read lots of Kids Komix!

*My favourite is the "Little Dog Dream" & I like "Registration!" very much.*

*Our verse for today is James 4:3--"Ye ask & receive not because ye ask amiss that ye may consume it upon your lusts."*

*Love*

David

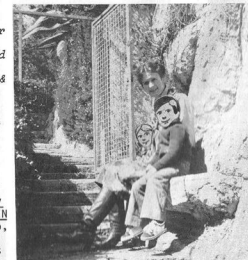
13. THREE-YEAR-OLD DAVID WAS ACTUALLY A GREAT LITTLE HELPER DURING THIS TIME IN KEEPING DAVID OCCUPIED & REALLY BUSY TOO, in caring for her! David is always very sweet about helping her pull her panties up & down to go potty since she still finds it such a difficult task. We were still enjoying our "Secret Place" in the garden & lots of nice outside play.

14. HE HAD A FEW VISITORS THIS MONTH



"One little sister keeps me busy enough! What am I going to do with two??"

who were Justus Ashtree, Italian Bepi and dear Paul & Marianne who've always been faithful, loyal ambassadors for our King & Queen. David seemed to sense right away that Justus A. would not quite be the competent replacement for Peter A., who was away on business at the time. "Are you as big as Peter?" David questioned Jus at their first meeting. David was



En route to our "Secret Place" at the top of the steps--with a secret lover!  
--Mariante!