

Learning To Be A Parent!

TOILET TRAINING

From Timothy & Rachelle; Holland:
DALETHA, OUR OLDER GIRL, IS ALMOST TWO. For the past six months we have tried every method imaginable to potty train her, without success, until this weekend. — Every method except one! — We'd forgotten to pray!

WE PRAYED WITH DALETHA, claiming Psalm 84:11b: "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Two days later she called out "Tee-tee! Tee-tee!" We put her straight onto the potty & she did it immediately!

WITHIN ONE DAY she really got

Note from Justus Ashtree:

Dad's Reply to the Press!

Dearest Dad,
ON YOUR REPLY TO THE PRESS: I just listened to it in my room. And I went to tell you right now that I say, "Amen!" It is so right on & completely, totally the truth—100%!

I'M SO THANKFUL THAT YOU'VE WRITTEN IT! And I'm so thankful to Him for making you a man, His man, who fights for the truth & the right! — Who dares to take on the media, the governments, the forces

the hang of it & hasn't yet missed the mark once! Hallelujah! Love, Tim & Rachelle.

USING THE DITO LETTERS

From Hadesah; Puerto Rico:
MY SON IS 14 MONTHS OLD & when I recently re-read the Davidito Letter for 14 months old I found there are many things that Dito learned & did that my son is missing out on because I just didn't remember to do them. So now I started a little system to help me:

I FIRST READ ALL THE DAVIDITO LETTERS UP TO 14 MOS. & listed all the things that he did that I would like to try with my own son throughout the day, as well as important pointers from Sara on specific training methods etc.

THEN I ORGANISED THOSE ACTIVITIES INTO A SCHEDULE —morning, afternoon & evening. Now I just have to glance over my scheduled activities & boom, there

are plenty of ideas before me to do & he ends up having a very full day. This works so much better than relying on my memory of the Letters. **THEN WHEN HE'S 15 MONTHS OLD,** I'll list all the things in that Letter & eliminate some of the past activities he has outgrown. I'm also now re-reading all the "Learning Thru' Play" Letters & FNs, as well as recommended books such as "Raising a Brighter Child" "Baby Learning Thru' Baby Play" etc to add ideas to.

WHEN I'M THRU', OUR ACTIVITY SCHEDULE WILL BE SO FULL that I will have to divide it into 2 or 3 days, which is even better! I can really see a difference in my son since I started using this method. He's not bored & cranky anymore!

—Hadesah.

(What have you learned about teaching & training our kids? Maybe your solution will be the answer to some one else's question? Send it in today!)

Knew Disciples!

"He knew her... and she bare a child!" (Gen. 4:1.)

FRANCE

GIRL—Jeanne, to Michael & Joy Freedman; Paris—17/3. (Jeanne went to be with the Lord 3 days later, 21/3—a little angel returned to Heaven.)

GIRL—Elizabeth, to Andre & Irene; 1/3.

GIRL—Rebecca, to Jeremiah & Crystal—27/3.

MIDEAST, ASIA, AFRICA

GIRL—Leila, 2nd to Robin & Hope; Mideast—15/3/78.

BOY—Naim Joseph, 3rd to Eli & Naomi Quixote; Mideast—30/11/78.

BOY—Andrea Seva, 1st to Ezekiel Logger & Bathsheba; E. Europe—5/3.

that control & limit (or try to limit) the amount & kind of truth that reaches the people, those who are really in the business of mind control & who are guilty of all that they charge us with.

I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'LL DARE TO PRINT IT, because it rips the covers right off & shows exactly what they're up to & who they really are. But we'll print it! — And I'll be sure to give it wide distribution so they could! TGI!

THANK GOD FOR YOU! Thank God for the fire & light! He's put in you! Thank God for His truth that He's given! Thank God! "Glory, glory hallelujah!" His truth goes marching on! You have my pledge of love & devotion always, J.A.

WHEN I DISCOVERED I WOULD HAVE TWINS, only a week before they were born, I received the verse "blessed is the fruit of thy womb" (Lk. 1:42) & they surely have been blessed & are a blessing! We have nothing to fear, but all can be overcome just by holding on to His precious promises!

BY THE WAY, WHEN THE TWINS WERE 4 MONTHS OLD, we discovered they were from a precious brother named Erastus Smiles whom I made love with only once & he almost came before entering. We barely made it, but we did just



See, Secundus & family in Spain, including David (Spanish). Photo by Christopher.

ered me so much to have to see some things begin to slide.

ONE DAY I REMEMBER BOTH OF THEM CRYING at the same time, each in a different bed. I was just in tears not knowing what to do. I just began to cry out to the Lord, really praying & weeping. When I finished praying, I hadn't even noticed, but they were both asleep! I felt then how much love & mercy the Lord has for mothers.

DESPERATE PRAYER: THIS IS THE ONE THING THAT HAS MADE THE DIFFERENCE for me. Without it I would not be in the Family now or would have given up long ago. I honestly don't see how any mother or father or anyone can live by faith without learning to really pray desperately, claiming God's promises & standing on the Word.

AFTER PRAYER, I THINK SOME THING THAT REALLY MAKES THE DIFFERENCE is what kind of father your husband is. I've heard people say they think that Secundus is a very rare & unusual case, as he handles the responsibility of the children & house equally with me, as we are both here a good part of the day. But I feel this shouldn't be the exception!

MY HUSBAND WHEN LIVING IN THE SYSTEM was just the same about practical matters. He had a job, but when he was at home, or on weekends, the children & housework were for both of us to do until the job was finished. If a husband is at home & has no other responsibility, he can learn right along with the mother how to accept the different

THING IS TO JUST KEEP GOING. As long as we keep fighting, we are certainly winning. I believe there is a way to make every situation work, or by prayer & God's Word, to change it so that it will work. The quotes from "Raul's Knife" (Letter no. 546) have always helped me so much: "When you pray, things will happen, things will be different."

JUST BEFORE JOINING THE FAMILY FULL-TIME, I HAD 3 CHILDREN, ages 3, 2 & 1, & was quite far along with my fourth. I was keeping house—this means everything: cooking, cleaning, laundry. I also had one room set up for a school for the kids, as some of the teachers from the Family school came to visit me regularly & kept me informed. In addition, we had weekly overnight visitors from the Family & meals needed to be prepared for a large group, rooms made ready & laundry.

MOTHERS HAVE TO BE FIGHTERS, real front-line fighters! —First thing in the morning 'til late at night. By the time the kids are in bed you may be exhausted mentally, physically & spiritually, & you probably will if you are doing the job right. But I think the most tired & uninspired I am when I only do the job with half a heart. When I really give all for my family & the Lord or a sheep, there is a certain joy & satisfaction that inspires you & really makes you know that it is certainly worth it. As you pour out, He will pour in! Hallelujah!

I WANT TO SAY THAT FOR MOTHERS IT IS SO IMPORTANT HOW YOU EAT, as to how you feel. When you have to start the day immediately with the children, breakfast is so important. I have so many less problems with gaining weight now that I only eat natural foods. They are so much more satisfying. When you eat regular meals & don't snack, I think your body is much more satisfied too. I hardly ever think of having a snack. We just eat very good meals.

IT'S SUCH A TESTIMONY FOR PEOPLE TO COMMENT on how young you look & that your body is still shaped nice even after having

the difference in how everything could work. Even when talking with the Family about the kids than I have the four years I've been in the Family since. I really needed the Word then because I would feel so lonely sometimes. I FOUND IT VERY USEFUL TO USE THE KIDS' NAPTIME as much

as possible to give the Lord the opportunity to give the Lord the glory. Most people say that I look ten years younger than I am. The Lord gave me the verse: "Who satisfies thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles" (Pss. 103:5).

WHEN I WAS PREGNANT WITH THE FOURTH, the early mornings, naptimes & bedtime were very important times for me with the children & alone with the Lord. I felt it such a privilege to be able to wake up each morning with my children & not have to go to a job & hustle them off to a nursery. It was a time to really go slow & love them up, maybe sing a few little songs about the Lord & share a few things that were on my heart.

I ALWAYS MARKED SECTIONS OF NEW MO LETTERS with a (*) to remind me of the parts that I wanted to share with the children. Of course, then I had to get busy finding something to occupy the children while I fixed breakfast. Afterwards there were the dishes & the house to clean.

CLEANING HOUSE REGULARLY REALLY HELPED so much. One thing I discovered was that if you make sure everything is in its place at night just before you go to bed that it helps immensely. You can even plan breakfast then. About 15 minutes of cleaning before bed time really made everything run a lot smoother the next day.

SUMMER, THE YOUNGEST, ALWAYS TOOK TWO NAPS, so immediately when she was asleep, I stopped everything & did devotions & memory work & school with the two older children. Then in the afternoon when the older children slept & sometimes the youngest would too, I got some time alone with the Lord. This was something I really looked forward to each day. It wasn't always a lot of time, but I had to learn to make every minute count.

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FAMILY NEWS — BY YOU!

Barking For The IRF!

8 May 1978

I GOT THIS DREAM early in the morning, yesterday morning, that was the 8th, May 8th, 1978. I mean, there was nothing to the dream. It was the funniest little picture!

I WAS LOOKING THRU' THE FN—you know those cute little sketches that Zeb does every now & then, & there was a picture of this funny little dog, looked like a wire-haired terrier, little dog.

HE WAS BARKING, "IRF! IRF! IRF!" Ha ha! Well, you know, they used to always have the dogs in the comic strips always going "Arf! Arf! Arf!" So why shouldn't our little dog go "IRF! IRF! IRF!" And underneath was written:

4. HE'S BARKING FOR THE IRF! Ha ha! Isn't that funny? "IRF! IRF! IRF!" Then they had

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