

little wooden books of each Book in the Bible with the name of each Book at the end so it could be read when in the bookshelf. Then he would mix the books up & we would try & put them in the correct order.

WE WOULD ALSO HAVE SWORD DRILLS to practise finding verses in the Bible. The parent says, "Attention!" & the little soldier holds his Bible at his side. Then you say, "Draw sword!" & he brings his Bi-

ble up in front of him holding it between his two hands. Then you call out the verse reference & say "Charge!" & the children look for the verse as quickly as possible & the first to find it reads it.

SO THIS IS A TESTIMONY OF HOW THE LORD KEEPS US GOING with six children. I always feel such a burden to put these lessons down on paper, as nothing becomes

real until it is shared. We also thought that possibly our working alone with the children at this time would encourage the many IRF families that it is possible to live for the Lord even with a large family. God bless Dad for being so faithful to write down each little thing for us. Sometimes it is those little illustrations that really encourage us the most. Love, Seek & Secundus.

Reader's Retort Form

Please mail this survey immediately to:
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Dear Family,

We love you so much & appreciate your labours of love for the Lord & the lost! Concerning the "Family News", we'd like your help in a little survey we're taking in an effort to make the "Family News" more of a help & inspiration to you & of greater interest to all. Please answer the questions below, as honestly & openly as possible, & mail them right away to World Services. Every suggestion will receive prayerful consideration! By the way, these questions apply only to the "Family News By You & Me" portion of the magazine. Thanks so much for your help! GBY! WLY!—M&M & Eds.

1. Which article did you like best in this issue of "Family News"? Why?
2. Do you read every article in each issue? (circle one) Always Usually Seldom Never
3. What kind of articles are your favourites, or of most interest to you personally? (Indicate 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 beside your top 5 choices.)

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Married/Mated? _____ Single? _____ No. of children you have living with you: _____
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"It's An All-National Team!"

The good fruits of obeying & nationalising!

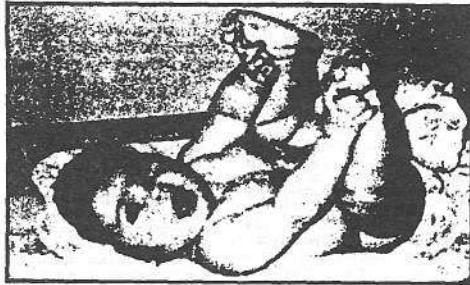
From Dave & Carmen; Iberia KQSe:

Dear Sara & Alfred, GBY! WE JUST FINISHED READING THE MOST RECENT OF THE "DAVIDITO STORY" which we have received—and we felt inspired to write you! These chapters of his story are always so inspiring & help us in so many ways! The events mentioned which we were a part of we really re-live & remember so vividly the lessons involved.

IT'S SUCH A LIVING & MOVING STORY, sometimes we almost cry to remember how cute he was or the event involved. These chapters (all of them that is) contain so much of the Spirit of David, & often even his words with all the little lessons that make life so interesting & so close to Jesus—the simple Dad & Maria always are.

SOMETIMES WE FEEL THAT IS STILL WHAT IS LACKING in so many of our folks—really absorbing that Spirit & obeying in every little thing they possibly can! Thank you for the sample you always were too, we so often think of you & the good sample you both were in diligence & obedience, & the many ways you have helped us & been friends to us too! Thanks for speaking so nice of me!

WE ARE NOW WORKING WITH ANOTHER COUPLE who have 2 little girls, 4 months & 17 months, & our little Ester is now 7 months. We read a Mo Letter together in the morning & then after lunch we read Davidito Letters. We really feel we must draw from them with so many little children! They can be quite a handful but we have learned how to still get our work done, & they are such a blessing to have around!



Our "nude-cutie", little Ester at 5 months!

SO IT'S AN ALL-NATIONAL TEAM except for little ole me! Even little Ester is a Spanish national with her very own Spanish passport! PTL! She is, by the way, so big & healthy! She smiles & laughs so much & is a continual inspiration, a real strong-spirited Capricorn!

Carmen loves to dress her up in real feminine dresses & she's quite a winner! We had no idea Jesus could give us such a sweet baby!

CARMEN ALWAYS ASKS ME, "AREN'T YOU HAPPY WE HAD HER?" because long ago I used to be afraid to have a baby, as Carmen's father used to threaten to kill me if she got pregnant, but then it happened & what could he do? Hal

NOW THEY ARE IN LOVE WITH THE BABY & thrilled to have her, PTL! And they accept me now too, even tho' we aren't legally married. We are always a testimony to them about how we do not do things the system way, yet it bears such good fruit. We witness

to her family all we can about natural healthy foods & God's way of doing things.

SINCE WE CAN'T DO MUCH OTHER WITNESSING because of our sensitive situation, we figure the Lord wants us to win her family, because we have so much contact with them. It's amazing how much they now accept considering they used to be one of the Family's most dangerous 10:36'ers!

WITH ALL OUR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES, WE DON'T TRAVEL MUCH now, but we are happy in the work & whenever we can visit the Homes it is always inspiring for us & helps inspire us in our work & helps us feel more of a personal contact with the people & see their needs. Love, D. & C.

P.S. AFTER RE-READING some of the Davidito Letters, we had our questions answered, so sometimes it's our fault if we don't know more. —It's in the Letters! Hallelujah!

"Dear Timothy" —A Letter From Maria!

Dear Timothy,

July 1979

GREETINGS IN JESUS' NAME! I've been thinking about you a lot & praying even more for you!—But finally that wasn't even enough & I knew I had to write you & tell you what I hope you know, of course: That I still love & care about you!—We all do! (Amen!—D)

THE SPANKINGS OF THE LORD ARE DISCIPLINARY & His chastenings not easy. But if you yield to them they will make you a better man & result in a more useful vessel. Remember Timothy the times I used to tell you how much I loved you & you would reply, "Oh, but you wouldn't if you really knew me."

I MORE FULLY UNDERSTAND NOW what you meant, although I always realised that your heart was not completely with us, that it was divided, & that inside you, a war was being waged every day because of your different loves & loyalties.—Sometimes the right ones won, & sometimes they lost. But I loved you then & I love you now, although now it is with an added sadness & pity, like the love I'm sure the Lord must feel for you, too.

WHEN WE HEARD THAT YOU WERE AGAIN IN ITALY, Dad said that he was glad you were there while Rachel was in the hospital again, because he knew that you loved her & could perhaps give her comfort & wise counsel that would maybe help her to come to her senses, like the Prodigal Son. If there were anyone she would turn to in her time of desperate need, it would probably be you. So we do hope that you were able to be of some help to her in her bitterness & desolation. (Tim's wife)

WE'RE TERRIBLY SORRY THAT DEBORAH IS SO BITTER AGAINST US, without cause, since you know Timothy, & will have to honestly admit that we did everything possible to be good to her & provide for her—everything we could do for her, without hindering the Lord's work, & yet she constantly strove to pull you away & get you entangled in the affairs of this world. I sincerely tried to share with her & make her a part of us & a united team for the Lord when we were all together, but she "would not". (Mt. 23:37.)

WE WERE VERY HAPPY TO HEAR, & it made us admire you, that you were standing up for your convictions & refusing to speak against those you know love you. We of course have our faults, which you certainly know very well, but nevertheless we are God's anointed & chosen & His blessing is upon us, & it is dangerous to touch the "apple of His eye". (Zech. 2:8, Ltr. No. 544, etc.) God bless you for your love & respect.

THE BABY IS DOING VERY WELL & is such a joy to us! She's so precious & a beautiful sweet calm happy child. (Lx. U!—D) Dad says sometimes when he looks at her that he can see an unmistakable resemblance, which makes us think of you all the more & pray for you often.

DAD OFTEN SAYS, "POOR TIMOTHY!" We love Techi very very much & she's such a blessing! I promised you a picture, so here it is enclosed at last, a little bit of God's precious love & mercy for us all!

I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND also, Timothy, that we have not published anything regarding you in order to in any way hurt you, but that the Lord's work & servant be vindicated & that the Kingdom understand & fear.

THE KING CANNOT WITHHOLD THE WORDS OF THE LORD from the people. As sad as it is, nevertheless these things from the Lord are beautiful & have been such a great blessing to so many, as evidenced by the many responses we have had from the Family who have also promised their prayers for you.

WE HOPE HEARING THIS WILL COMFORT YOUR HEART to some extent at least. Any-

thing further published in this regard is done reluctantly & with regret, but prayerfully & that the people will recognise that the Word of the Lord is sure & undeniable & altogether true.

THOUGH WE MAY FAIL, YET HE ABIDETH FAITHFUL. (2Tim. 2:13.) You know, as much as we love you, we dare not compromise or spare the Truth at the risk of your being hurt, although we are very sorry if it does so. Timothy, you know us so well that you know we have always been heartbroken over those who fall in any way, & that we are never gladdened by their grief. (We love U so!—D)

I LOVE YOU, TIMOTHY. You know both Dad & I do, & I was extremely heartened to hear that you recently told someone this while you were in Italy: "Nevertheless, I know Dad loves me." (Amen!—Enclosed!—D) Please don't ever doubt it. We pray for you that your heart will be comforted & that you will continue to serve the Lord to the best of your ability, continuing to be a blessing to others. (We know U will've read it if it hadn't been so long!—So sorry!—D)

I, OF COURSE, WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU if you feel you can write. Again, we thank you for all the help you have been, & for your precious service & your love while you were with us. I will never forget the encouragement you were to me so many times, especially when Dad was very ill. (Amen!—D) It was such a comfort to have you with me.

May God continue to keep you going for Him & to make you a blessing to many,

Love in Jesus & David, —Maria. *Maria*

P.S. DON'T EVER FORGET, Timothy, what Dad & I both used to tell you frequently: "No one will ever love you more than we do." Amen! (Amen!—D)

P.P.S. SO I CAN BE SURE you have received this, could you please just drop me a note to that effect. A postcard will do if you don't care to write a letter—although I'd love to have the latter, of course. Tks! ILY! (Me 2!—D)

P.P.P.S. OH, ONE OTHER THING: Dad was wondering whether you could write up something on the encounter you had with the deprogrammers—something that might be a help to the Family. (Tks! GBY! ILY!—My son forever!—D)



Techi, at almost 3 months, mid-June!

Abraham called her "the most important baby girl in the world" & we can now certainly see why, as she is a constant source of inspiration & encouragement to all of us to share with you her life & our life with her. How fitting that the King & Queen should have a baby in their household now when so many of you do also.—A representative for you of all our precious "knew" disciples. Please forgive us for slowness in getting to you more Techi chapters. God willing we will send some shortly. Love, Maria.