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to yours



Christmas 2001 - Kent & Keena Price & Family



Dear Friends and Family,

Our picture this year of Kamber and Jared's wedding is just one illustration of what made 2001 a very eventful year for the Price family.

To start the year, Kent accepted a new job in the Salt Lake City, Utah area (see details in Kent's section). We never thought we'd live in Utah, but with two grandchildren, three children with 2 spouses, seven siblings, and both of our mothers here, it has been a wonderful family experience. It was difficult to say good-bye to 18 1/2 years in Michigan and to our home and our many friends. We are now living in a nice apartment in Draper (see picture) until we find a place here. (Kent just wants to move everything out here from Michigan - house, barn, trees, pond, stream, toys, etc.)

We moved just in time for a joyous celebration of the marriage of Kamber to Jared Turner. Kamber and Jared met in the singles ward in Oregon where Kamber was teaching high school. We invited Jared to join our family at a winter cabin reunion in Washington over the Christmas holidays last year. The two of us were on a ski slope when Jared skied up behind us and asked if he could have Kamber's hand in marriage. How romantic ☺. They were married in the Portland Temple and we are thrilled to have such a good, charming, and witty son-in-law.

The next exciting event was when our son, Kevin concluded his two year mission to Hungary. We were both able to travel to Budapest, visit some of the cities where he had been working and meet several of the missionaries, church members and investigators with whom he served. A highlight was attending services in a new branch of the church in the city of Vac. When Kevin had arrived there six months earlier there were only two members of the church and no meetings. On the day we visited, there were over 30 people, most of whom were new members or investigators. We also were able to stop in Germany and renew friendships and stay with the Gasteiger family with whom we lived more than 20 years ago. Back in the States, we stopped in Michigan for a homecoming and Kevin was able to see his old home and friends once again. (The tale of how Krey had himself shipped in a UPS box to surprise Kevin is another story which we'll soon post on our website.)

Kevin in Hungary



To make a perfect ending, we had two special grandchildren experiences. Jaedin, who was 2 1/2 and had already had 4 open-heart surgeries, had his last one in August in San Francisco. We are grateful that he is recovering well and that he is now home again being a normal, happy, fun boy. We also welcomed grandchild number 9 into the world in August 27th. Paul Merrill Davis was born to Kerrie and Neal. He is the sweetest child we can imagine.

So it's been a good and very eventful year for the Prices. We feel greatly blessed and count you, our friends and family, among the greatest of our blessings. We hope this holiday season finds you all well and happy. We send, as always, our love and best wishes.

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Jaedin & his 'doctor bag' at the Hospital



Paul Merrill Davis born Aug. 27, 2001

For those who can take it, here are some more details:

Kent – has really been on the go this year. After a couple of months of consulting with Liquitek Enterprises, Inc (LEI) at the end of last year, he joined the company full time on the first of January. LEI had recently acquired two new divisions, one in Las Vegas and one in New Zealand and Kent was appointed president of both. The main product line of the companies is commercial water purification (distillation) equipment. The recent downturn in the financial markets and the current economic slump have had a negative impact on the company's ability to raise capital and grow but we are hoping to overcome these obstacles. Besides multiple trips to Las Vegas and New Zealand, Kent has been to Canada, Mexico, the East Coast, the West Coast and many points in between. He still flies airplanes, gliders, paragliders and just added Powered Parachutes to his ultralight instructor ratings. Current church callings include Stake Public Relations Specialist and joint teaching (with Keena) the Marriage and Family Relations Sunday School class.

Keena's activities have paralleled our big events - fixing up our Michigan home for the move; putting on a "Bavarian" reception for our beautiful bride here in Utah; seeing Kevin as a missionary in Hungary after 2 years; going to San Francisco for Jaedin's successful surgery (which happened to be at the same hospital where Keena was born); and being in the delivery room to witness Merrill's birth. There have also been many events that have strengthened our ties with our family - a trip to Portland to babysit, a sisters and mother retreat to Logan, a memorial for Dad, Thanksgiving with 32 people, and Christmas in Oregon. She is also loving her part-time job as a nurse at a care center here in Draper. We both love our new church ward and the chance to teach in Sunday School.

Karl and Kristina Shurts – continue to dream of their house in the country, but have put in on the back burner until the stock market improves. Karl is still at Intel and Nina is involved in the church Young Women program. She is also spearheading a group that is trying to keep some "naughty" stores out of their neighborhood. It was fun to see everyone at Thanksgiving time – Ben (9) describing how things work; Michaela & Kiana (7) helping with the little ones; Dallin (5) entertaining everyone; and Kandra (2) charming us all.

Krey and Lindy - are still relieved that Jaedin's (3) surgery is in the past. He's now at home making sure his trains are running OK and that not-so-little Cam (2) keeps in control. Krey and Lindy just got into their first home. Krey was able to transfer within his company, Tetra Tech, from Seattle to Portland. The new house has been a big undertaking with painting, carpeting and flooring, but we hear that it's a work of art now. (We'll be there at Christmas time to see the results.)

Jared and Kamber Turner – got married in March and are now living in Provo. Kamber had finished her masters and after seven years at BYU with a mission in between, she thought she was finished with school life. Well, now she's back supporting Jared as he goes to school in construction management at BYU. After a year of teaching in Oregon, Kamber is now working at the BYU library and is playing her French horn with the Orchestra on Temple Square which is the instrumental side of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. We saw some good shots of her on a recent national "Music and the Spoken Word" television broadcast. She also played for the annual Christmas Devotional and Christmas Concert programs.

Neal and Kerrie Davis - are enjoying being parents of two boys. Kenton (2 ½) and Merrill (4 months) are starting to have fun smiling and laughing at each other. Neal is in his third year at University of Utah Medical School. His rotation in obstetrics allowed him to help deliver his own son in August. Kerrie loves being a mom and is also able to play oboe in a few chamber groups. She keeps busy being the second counselor in their stake Relief Society.

Kevin and ??? – (We're trying not to put any pressure on Kevin and he's committed to waiting.) Kevin is now a student at BYU. He had a great experience as a missionary in Hungary and didn't want to leave when it was time. He was able to be released in Grand Rapids and have a homecoming and farewell to his home and friends there. Here in Utah, he has a new home, new roommates and a new double major - music and engineering. He is in the BYU marching band and pep band and has put a lot of energy into helping BYU football to a 13-0 record so far.

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Have a great New Year!