



Christmas 2006
Season's Greetings
 From Kent & Keena Price



We make a visit back "home" to Germany

Dear Friends and Family,

Hmmm. Seems like time goes faster as the years go by. We were just getting used to summer when, suddenly it's winter again. Some highlights from 2006:

- May-June: We make a long-anticipated trip back to Germany. We stay with the Gasteigers at the "Bichlhof" (pictured above), which had been our home for almost six years in 1976-81. Part of our trip overlaps with Kristina, Karl and family who spent six weeks in Germany and all over Europe. We camp with them in Switzerland and Italy. Grandchild #16, Berkeley, is born to Krey and Lindy while we are gone.
- July: Our "big bike" excursion is becoming an annual affair. This time it's on a Honda Gold Wing and with three other couples. We take to the mountains again for touring, picnicking, alpine lake swimming and fellowship.
- August: Our whole clan descends on a dude ranch in the high Uintah mountains for a week of reuniting, hiking, horseback riding, swimming and, of course, a little ultralight flying from a nearby dirt road.
- October: In Memoriam – Kent's mother, Marjorie Price, passes away at age 89. Her funeral was a celebration of a life well lived. We will miss her, but she was ready to move on and she left a wonderful legacy. Shortly before her passing, her great-great-granddaughter was born and she was able to pose as the matriarch in a portrait that included five generations of first daughters.
- November: Janey Lynn Price is born to Kevin and Aleisa. We fly to Portland for Thanksgiving at Kristina and Karl's home together with Krey and Lindy, Kamber and Jared, Kevin and Aleisa and 13 grandkids. Three days later, the whole crew is in Seattle for Janey's blessing.



Marjorie Price



The Dudes of the Dude Ranch - Mom, Dad, and all five kids on the trail....



Swampboating in Florida



Cycling through Utah's Mountains

Keena: With all of the grandchildren out of state, I get to make "Oma visits" to see them. Some of the highlights this year were: • riding the Old Tucson train in Arizona with Kami's boys, • taking shelter in Kerrie's basement during the Iowa City tornado and then helping with the community cleanup afterwards, • sharing my grandmother's history at her old home in Switzerland with the Shurts children, • seeing our son Krey bless his little Berkeley in Oregon and then seeing our other son, Kevin, bless his little Janey in Washington. Life couldn't get much better! I'm still enrichment counselor in the Relief Society and am glad the younger women help with the daunting tasks of craft days and such. And I'm still enjoying working part-time as a nurse at the care center.



Keena does an "Oma" princess party with her granddaughters

Kent: No big changes this year, but it seems I really kept busy the whole year. • I very much enjoyed teaching at BYU last semester, but had to turn it down this semester due to time constraints. I hope to do it again sometime soon. • New calling in the church – would you believe Primary Chorister! I'm loving it! • GearMaster is still growing. Freightliner is considering GearMaster as possible original equipment. No promises yet but stay tuned. • Still flying quite a bit, both ultralights and general aviation. I did another "candy drop" from my powered parachute and then landed in the field behind the local elementary school. The kids really enjoyed it. • Finished my term as president of the local Homeowners Association in August. It was a good experience but I'm not sure it sparked any desire to get further into politics... • Lots of other trips, many with Keena.

With several of our older friends - and Kent's mother - passing away this year, we've thought a lot about birth and life and death. Jeffrey Holland said that these are God's gifts to us – the whole divine experience with all its richness and complexities. In a world full of turmoil, we are grateful for the faith and peace we can feel in our hearts and we wish for you the same this season. May we all continue to hope, work and pray for that peace to cover the world. We send, as always, our love and best wishes.

Kent + Keena

Note: This letter is also available on our website where the pictures can be enlarged.

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The hills were alive with the sounds of the Shurts family as they enjoyed a six-week trip back to our old farm in Bavaria and a lot of the rest of Europe. Speaking German at home finally paid off as all the kids were able to talk fluently everywhere they went in Germany and Switzerland. Back at their Oregon farmhouse, they still have a barn full of animals and, with Nina as 4-H leader, have shown pigs and sheep at the county fair. Karl keeps busy as newly called counselor in the bishopric and as product marketing engineer with Intel. Nina serves as counselor in stake Young Women and chauffeurs the children to football, soccer, community choir, 4-H activities, etc., etc.



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On June 7th Berkeley Mierren Ester Price was welcomed into the world. Addie is especially happy for another little princess at home. Berkeley hardly slowed the family down on trips to Nauvoo, the Uintas, and California. Jaedin loves Cubs and crafts; Cam is the video game king; and Addie is into ballerinas – especially if they're pink. Lindy keeps the family looking great and their home a work of art. Krey recently negotiated a major government contract for Tetrachem and will be very busy implementing it this year. In his "spare" time he still teaches guitar, piano, and drums.



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Jared and Kami now have the grandchildren that are closest to us. In November, they sold their home in Arizona and moved to Idaho Falls (only 3 ½ hours away from us!) They love the seasons and Jared is now project manager for a great commercial contracting company. The boys have a big back yard to run around in with their dog and Marie finally has her own room. Kami is already teaching Relief Society and subbing with her French Horn in the Idaho Falls Symphony. Jared was just called to be a counselor in the Sunday School presidency



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The Davis clan is the furthest away but they have made 3 trips to Utah this year. Neal finished his internal medicine residency and was selected as the department's "Resident of the Year." He is now doing a residency in Pediatrics and feels like this is what he was meant to do. Kerrie is still busy with some preschool activities and playing her oboe in the Iowa City String Orchestra. But mostly she enjoys being a soccer mom to three great little athletes and their adorable sister. The big event this coming year will be a visit to the Ukraine where Kenton will be baptized in Kiev by his Grandpa Davis who is serving as mission president there.



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Kevin and Aleisa are walking on air since the arrival of their angel daughter, Janey Lynn, in November. After Janey's blessing, they hosted 32 family members in their little home. When they are not cooing and playing with Janey, they work on all kinds of projects. Aleisa has made their home beautiful with her decorating finesse and Kevin has done wonders creating furniture, replacing doors, floors and more. Kevin joined Boeing Aircraft after graduating from BYU in Mechanical Engineering a year ago. He is working as a payload engineer on 737 aircraft and deals with both customers and FAA regulators. He recently returned from customer meetings in China.