

<u>Christmas 2015</u> Season's Greetings From Kent & Keena Price



Dear Friends and Family,

One thing we can say for sure is that the years are flying by. Just "yesterday" when we moved to Utah 14 years ago, we had only 8 grandchildren who were babies and toddlers. Now we have 24 more grandchildren and are enjoying

seeing them grow up and become their own people with their unique personalities and talents. Granddaughter Michela will return from her LDS mission in March. She has been the fourth generation to serve in Germany, following Kent's dad in the 1930s, Kent in the 1960s, and both Krey and Kamber in the 1990s.

We didn't go on any major trips this year but had a few enjoyable short ones:

- In March, we spent four days in Puerto Vallarte, Mexico, for scuba, snorkeling and ziplining;
- In June, we took our annual motorcycle trip to Capital Reef National Park and southern Utah;
- In September, we flew to Washington to see Kevin's new home near Seattle and to enjoy a few days on Bainbridge Island with several friends from Kent's missionary days in Germany;
- In October, we had a delightful week in southern California with Kevin and Aleisa and their family visiting Disneyland, Legoland and Sea World;
- And finally, just last month, we celebrated Keena's 70th (!) birthday with a spontaneous drive into the Colorado Rockies to Steamboat Springs. We enjoyed the famous hot springs and even got to hit the slopes on the opening day of the ski season.

So, as you can see, we are attempting to defy the march of time by enjoying our grand children, keeping as active as we can, and trying to stay young at heart. And of course, especially at this season, we treasure our friends and family.



Keena As I look back on 2015, I realize that not much has changed. I'm still working as a dialysis nurse three days a week. I'm still doing Family History at church. I still enjoy spending time with my mother and siblings, especially our annual food and craft outing in Logan. And, I'm still enjoying our grandchildren, especially the two new babies I get to rock to sleep. A milestone for me this year was finishing the family history on the Krey side and collecting inspiring stories from extended family that can be shared with future generations. A highlight of the experience was seeing my grandparents' family home in Ogden being saved from falling into ruins by a few miraculous events. See www.tinyurl.com/kreyhome.





Kent – Another bucket list item checked off: Ever since I started driving farm trucks and tractors at age 10, I've wanted to try my hand at big rigs. I got a CDL while working on the GearMaster, but I had never been "over the road." So this year, I got qualified as a part time driver for FedEx and have been enjoying occasional local and interstate trips hauling double trailers. I've also done some charter bus driving, including taking 50 of our local youth to a "Trek" experience in Martin's Cove in Wyoming last summer. Other than that,

not a lot of changes this year. I'm still teaching at the local community college, working on the GearMaster, serving on the local Harvard Alumni and homeowners association boards as well as in the HP group leadership and cub scout activities at church. And of course, I continue to fly and give flight instruction, including signing off our 16 year old grandson, Kenton, for his student license and solo flights. If variety is the spice of life, I've been enjoying a well seasoned year.

We hope this letter finds all well with you. We send, as always, our love and best wishes.

Hent + Keena

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The Next Generation(s)....



Karl and Kristina (Nina) Shurts Ben-23, Michaela-21, Kiana-21, Dallin-19, Kandra-16, Jonathan-8, Clarissa-7, Simon-7 Banks (near Portland), Oregon shurtsfamily@gmail.com

The Shurts family already has children leaving the nest. The oldest four have been away on missions and college and jobs. Ben is home from his mission to Wisconsin. Michaela is still on her mission in Germany and will come home this March to join her twin, Kiana, at BYU Provo. And now Dallin is on his mission to Brazil. He'll come back to BYU in 2017 on an atheletic (discus) scholarship. Back home Kandra is already in 11th grade and excelling as an artist. She illustrated a children's book written by her great grandmother (see tinyurl.com/kandrasbook). Nina has started subbing in the local schools and is homeschooling the three youngest in German. Nina and Karl celebrated their 25 years of marriage with a trip to Hawaii.



Krey and Lindy Price Jaedin-17, Cambren-15, Addisen-13, Berkeley-9, Esai-5, Desi-2½ Perth, Australia krey@krey.org

Idaho Falls, Idaho

The only thing new with the Price clan from down under this year is that there was nothing new this year. Krey has the same job, same wife, same kids in the same schools, and – for the first time in eight years – they're in the same house for a second Christmas! Jaedin and Cam passed their drivers training class, so beware if you're planning on driving in Australia anytime soon. Addie has started high school, Berkeley loves the outdoors and her animals – especially her new birds. Esai loves drumming and is excited about absolutely everything in life, and Desi is a little fireball - always keeping her parents and siblings on their toes. According to Krey, one perk of being in Australia (besides avoiding the circus of a US election year) is that being a day ahead, they beat everyone to the Star Wars premiere!



Jared and Kamber Turner David-13, Kyle-11, Marie-10, Sam-8, Anna-5, (Jacob-*), Clara-7 mo. | turnerkamber@gmail.com

Two major events for the Turner family this year: Beautiful little Clara Louise arrived on May 21. She is the constant center of attention and joy. The other big event was a move out to the country. Normally Jared's Construction Solutions Company focuses on commercial projects but they made an exception this year as Jared oversaw the construction of their own new home. The Turner's moved into their dream house just in time for Oma and Opa to come celebrate Thanksgiving with them. Even though they only live about 10 minutes from their old place, the kids all changed schools and they moved wards. Jared was released as YM President and Kamber as a den leader. The kids are making new friends as they stay involved with their music and sports activities.



Neal and Kerrie Davis Kenton-16, Merrill-14, Hampton-12, Greta-10, Sofia-7, Peter-7

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The Davis family is still in South Jordan keeping busy with all the fun kids' activities - soccer, gymnastics, basketball, scouts, music etc.. At church Neal is the young men's president and Kerrie does music with the children. Neal accepted a new position as Medical Director of the Central Salt Lake region of the Intermountain Medical Group this summer but he still keeps a couple of days at his pediatric clinic. Kerrie plays oboe in the Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra and keeps busy driving kids to lessons, practices and games. They reached a couple of milestones this year that prove the kids are getting too old too fast. The oldest, Kenton started driving and going to formal dances and the youngest two, Sofia and Peter were baptized. The whole family was lucky to take a long-awaited family trip to Hawaii this summer.



Kevin and Aleisa Price Janey-9, Russell-7, Ella-5, Charlie-3, Chloe-8 mo. Covington (near Seattle), Washington verynerdy@gmail.com

Our Washington Prices have had a year full of new and exciting changes, the highlight of which was welcoming their fifth child, Chloe Mae, in April. Just a few months later they moved a few miles away into a lovely new home with room for the children to spread out. And not to let the dust settle, Kevin changed jobs at Boeing where he is developing web apps for design engineers, thanks to a program he developed for planning the seating in the cabin. With all of this going on, Kevin and Aleisa managed to celebrate their 10 year anniversary and take the family on a trip down the Pacific coast and ended up meeting us at Disneyland for a fun reunion. At church, Aleisa is Primary secretary and Kevin is a Primary teacher, but mostly they enjoy their family life and each other.