

<u>Christmas 2017</u> Season's Greetings



From Kent & Keena Price

Dear Friends and Family,

Wow! We've been together for half a century. We celebrated our 50th anniversary on August 25, just four days after the sun and moon heralded our milestone with a spectacular eclipse. It's been a wonderful 50 years and we're hoping for many more yet to come. We manage to stay pretty active and are enjoying life. This year...



- In March we flew to Perth, Australia, for a month-long visit with Krey & Lindy and their family. We toured Rottnest Island on rented bikes and had a great trip to the south coast. But the main joy of the trip was spending time in the day-to-day activities of the family.
- Returning from Australia, we went right to Charleston, South Carolina, for a reunion of Kent's friends from Kaiserslautern American High School in Germany sharing lots of comaraderie and memories. We loved Charleston and got a bit of history at Fort Sumter, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired.
- In August, we drove our motor home north and joined a bunch of powered parachute pilots at a nice little airport in Mud Lake, Idaho, which happened to be right in the center of the totality path of the eclipse. Kent was asked to be the aircraft ground controller for the dozens of airplanes coming in from all over the country for the event more aircraft than the airport had ever seen. We spent the day before the eclipse with Kamber and family in Idaho Falls for a great anniversary party. Kristina and Kerrie and their families were there too. The eclipse itself was awe inspiring and the flying and reunioning was great fun.
- Following the eclipse we continued our anniversary celebration by driving north in the motor home to Idaho's Sawtooth mountains and to Glacier National Park. Spectacular scenery but we're concerned that the glaciers are predicted to disappear.





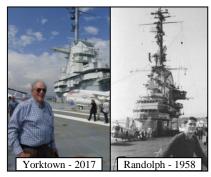




Welcome home Dallin! Kent doesn't seem so tall now

Keena - Not a lot of changes, but some interesting milestones: ● 1 year of being a dog owner. Last Christmas our children decided we needed a dog and surprised us with Kipper (so much affection and fun). ● 5 years of teaching primary children in church (innocent and lively). ● 10 years of working as a dialysis nurse (such caring, kind people). ● 15 years walking with the same neighbor (friendships are priceless). ● 25 years of being a grandma (the joys are incredible). ● 50 years being married to a wonderful, amazing man (I feel so blessed).





Kent - While at the reunion in Charleston, Keena and I visited the nearby aircraft carrier USS Yorktown, which is now a floating museum. It brought back a flood of memories as it was a sister ship to the USS Randolph, on which I had spent a week at sea in 1958 as a prize for a high school science fair project. After having talked about that adventure for years, I was now able to escort Keena all over the Yorktown - great fun for me and tolerable for her. ©

As reported last year, "I'm still flying, teaching, driving, serving on a couple of boards and staying active in church callings." I again spent several weeks camping out in firefighting support operations and driving a large tanker to keep all the equipment and vehicles fueled up. One of the fires was so remote that the largest town within a 2 hour drive of our base camp was Stanley, Idaho - population 63.

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

Kent + Kelna

Note: This letter is also available on our website where you can zoom in on the pictures

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The Next Generation(s)....



Karl and <u>Kristina</u> (Nina) Shurts Ben-25, Michaela-23, Kiana-23, Dallin-21, Kandra-18, Jonathan-10, Clarissa-9, Simon-9 Banks (near Portland), Oregon shurtsfamily@gmail.com

In April, Nina and Michaela spent 10 days in Germany visiting dear friends from Michaela's mission and Nina's childhood. Michaela stayed in Europe most of the summer with the BYU study abroad program. In June, Kandra, the last of the big kids, graduated from high school as valedictorian. The highlight of the year was Dallin's return from his mission in Brazil and having all 8 kids home for the first time in almost 5 years. When Dallin enters BYU in January (with a discus scholarship), all 5 big kids will be living in Provo within a mile of each other!! Kristina does some home schooling with the younger kids. She was also recently called as Stake Young Women's President and gets to work with Karl who works with the Stake Young Men.



Krey and Lindy Price Jaedin-19, Cambren-17, Addisen-15, Berkeley-11, Esai-7, Desi-4 Perth, Australia krey@krey.org

As mentioned earlier, we had a wonderful visit with Krey and Lindy and their family this last March and April. We loved friendly, laid-back, safe Australia and were not surprised to find out that after eight years of living in Australia with two children born there, the Prices officially became Australian citizens this year. (They do have dual citizenship.) Krey's training and consulting business continues to expand with Lindy's help and support. The children are becoming very Australian. Jaedin and Cam both graduated from high school and are exploring the options ahead. Jaedin is doing so well with his health that his heart transplant is being put off. Addie is now the ruling high school student and has found a passion for art while Berkeley loves animals. Esai is the happiest little guy you'll ever meet and Desi is now in kindergarten.



Jared and <u>Kamber</u> Turner David-15, Kyle-13, Marie-12, Sam-10, Anna-8, Jacob-\$, Clara-2½

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The Turners are enjoying their new home and are now adding all the finishing touches. Their basement now has a theater room as well as a play room with a stage. Although Jared built the house, his Constructions Solutions Company has focused on commercial projects which are growing in size, number and reputation. Kamber is still running kids around to music (piano, violin, trumpet and vocal), sports (baseball and basketball) and theater (school musical) activities but hopes for a little back-up now with David starting to drive. She continues to play and teach french horn, and with the older kids in school, is adjusting to being alone with and entertaining a two-year-old at home. A highlight of the year was when Jared cashed in some frequent flier miles and took Kamber to Dallas just for a concert of one of her favorite pieces of classical music.



Neal and <u>Kerrie</u> Davis Kenton-18, Merrill-16, Hampton-14, Greta-12, Sofia-10, Peter-10 South Jordan, Utah kndavis8@gmail.com

The Davis' have to set one less plate at dinner. Kenton graduated from high school and is attending BYU. He plans to work as a ski instructor after this semester and go on a mission next spring. Merrill started driving which really helps keep things a little less crazy. He is doing lots of physical therapy to deal with some injuries and hopefully will play HS soccer in the spring. Soccer is on everyone's schedule along with trombone (Hampton), piano (Sofia and Peter), violin (Greta), basketball, dance and gymnastics. Kerrie tries to keep up the schedule and keep everyone fed. She enjoys playing in the Timpanogos Orchestra, running, and serving as primary chorister at church. Neal is now doing Webelos in scouts (Peter loves being with his dad) and still works at Hillcrest Pediatrics. He is a medical director and on the board of Intermountain Healthcare.



Kevin and Aleisa Price Janey-11, Russell-9, Ella-7, Charlie-5, Chloe-2½ Covington (near Seattle), Washington verynerdy@gmail.com

Some things haven't changed for our Washington Prices. They still have a dog and four chickens. They're still remodeling and updating their home (just like the TV shows!). The kids are still being home schooled by Aleisa and Kevin is still working for Boeing (mainly from home). With seven people in the house all day, it's a good thing they all get along so well. Janey is still doing violin and dance. Russell is doing cello. Ella is doing dance and piano. Charlie started preschool this year and Chloe's accomplishment is potty training herself. The major event this year is Aleisa going back to school to become a nurse. She's doing great in her classes while running the household and being Primary President. Kevin is now in the Stake Young Men's leadership preparing for future teenagers.