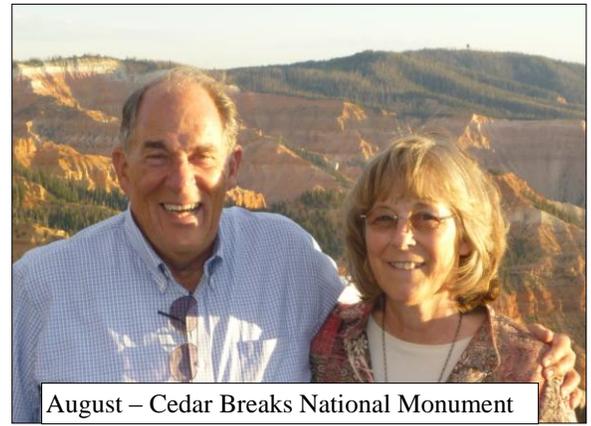




Christmas 2011
Season's Greetings
From Kent & Keena Price



August – Cedar Breaks National Monument

Dear Friends & Family,

No new grandchildren this year. That hasn't happened since 1997! Maybe this is a new phase. Other than that, not many big changes since our last letter (well, Kent did turn 70...). We keep quite busy and are still enjoying life with its blessings and challenges. Some highlights from the year included:

In one of many visits to and from our far flung family, we had all our kids and grandkids here (except Krey and family who are still in Australia) to celebrate Kent's 70th birthday. Lots of memories including a song written by Krey and Kevin chronicling Kent's life and quirks. We also took Keena's mom, Margaret – at 89 years young – to Oregon for a visit with Kristina and family. We're still looking forward to visiting Krey in Australia one of these days.

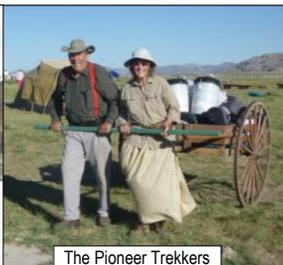
May 18-21: We hosted about a hundred people for a Salt Lake City reunion of Kaiserslautern American High School (Germany), Kent's alma mater. The students were all children of military or government personnel stationed in Europe in the early years of the cold war and shared some very unique "Brat" experiences. What fun it was to reconnect and relive some of those times.

July 5-7: Our annual "Cycle Safari" took us to the Flaming Gorge Recreation Area and into the Dinosaur region of Eastern Utah and Western Colorado. Six bikes and eleven people made for a fun ride.

July 13-16: We helped organize and then participated in a "Trek" experience, retracing parts of the route covered by some of the early pioneers as they opened up the west. This particular event focused on the pioneers who pulled handcarts from Iowa City to the Salt Lake Valley in 1856 – a heroic and partly tragic story. We returned with a renewed sense of appreciation for the sacrifices of those who paved the way for the blessings we enjoy today.



Reunioners at Kennecott Copper Mine



The Pioneer Trekkers



We take a break at a 9500 foot summit



Kent & Merrill fly from our back yard



Playing Opa & Oma at Mt. Ranier



Keena loves her chickens

Keena - My JOYS in life: ● Getting hugs from a large grandson going off to college and from a small granddaughter going off to bed. Can't get enough of the concerts, birthdays, and "...by the way, that was my grandson that made the goal..." ● The privilege of still being able to work. I can't believe it's been 4 ½ years that I've been a nurse at the dialysis center – and that I still have the health and strength to enjoy it. ● Loving where we live – the neighborhood, taking walks in our backyard gully (it goes 6 miles to Utah Lake), and our new chickens (the old ones met their demise because of the other residents of the gully – raccoons, minks & foxes.) ● Having fun with family history – we had a "would have been 90" celebration for my Dad; a reunion of Krey second cousins (there may be another book in the works); and a wonderful Mom and Sisters retreat.



The Long and Short of the Shurts family: Kiana age 16, Dallin age 14

Kent - ● I've been pretty busy working on some new business relationships with the GearMaster, including the prospect of getting it built into some new trucks as original equipment. Tune in next year for the results. ● My flying activities still give me a lot of satisfaction as I give flying lessons and join other pilots on flying trips all over this beautiful land of ours. I soloed a couple of "bucket listers" for a local TV program. You can see the results at www.goo.gl/dRjcy. ● I continue to enjoy teaching, both in church and at the local community college. ● In November, I took a trip to North Dakota with my brother-in-law to investigate the possibility of forming a transportation company to serve the Bakken oil fields. Here again, tune in next year.



Kent's 70th birthday cake

We keep busy trying to convince ourselves that we're not getting any older in spite of the calendar pages flipping over faster and faster. Once again, we're grateful for good health, good friends, and for the good news of the Christmas Season. We wish these blessings for all of you.

We send, as always, our love and best wishes,

Kent + Keena

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 Kristina (Nina) Shurts
Ben-19, Michaela-17, Kiana-17, Dallin-15,
Kandra-12, Jonathan-4, Clarissa-3, Simon-3

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We still can't believe what the Shurts family did this summer. They bought a motor home (to sell later) and took all 10 on a memory-making East coast trip. They covered over 8,000 miles in 7 weeks and visited Washington D.C., Boston, Nauvoo and countless sites in between. This was partly in anticipation of Ben going away to college this fall to BYU-Idaho. Now there are only 9 at home! The rest keep busy with soccer, ballroom dance, piano, cross country and track. Nina chases her three toddlers while serving as young women's president. Karl is steady in his job at Intel and in the H.P. group leadership at church.



Krey and Lindy Price
Jaedin-13, Cambren-11, Addisen-9, Berkeley-5, Esai-1

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Krey and Lindy just wrapped up their second year in Australia and are still thoroughly enjoying the experience. They are considering a move from Melbourne to Perth next year – clear across the entire continent! The kids have adapted amazingly well and sound like pure Aussies when we get together on Skype. They are all growing up. At 13, Jaedin is now a bona fide teenager. Lindy does a great job holding down the fort while Krey spends a lot of time on business trips across the country. After five years of collecting notes on the life and times of Kent's dad, Charles Hampton Price, Krey put the results into a book for the family – 500 pages long!



Jared and Kamber Turner
David-9, Kyle-7, Marie-6, Sam-4, Anna-2

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It looks like the Turners are stuck in Idaho – and loving it. Jared got a new construction management job including work on projects for the Naval Reactor Facility. At home, the big event was finishing their basement and they have filled it with a fun play room and entertainment center. Kami keeps busy running the children to scouts, soccer, football and dance while continuing as Primary President. She also keeps up on the French horn in a brass quintet and the Idaho Falls Symphony. We're glad to have them close enough (3 ½ hour drive) for frequent visits in both directions.



Neal and Kerrie Davis
Kenton-12, Merrill-10, Hampton-8, Greta-6, Sofia-3, Peter-3

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The Davis family has been in their new home for over a year now and they are really settling in. They have a great back yard complete with a tire swing, an underground fort dug by the boys, fruit trees and, to Keena's delight, chickens! Neal is enjoying working in a pediatric clinic with three other partners at Intermountain Medical Center. He and Kerrie are very involved with their children in scouts, soccer, coaching, running, hiking, music, and art lessons. Kerrie is still jogging, doing her preschool for the twins, and playing oboe this year in the Oquirrh Mountain Symphony.



Kevin and Aleisa Price
Janey-5, Russell-3, Ella-1

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Kevin and Aleisa love the Seattle area – beautiful scenery and a great neighborhood. They went on a well-deserved cruise in September and we were able to play Opa and Oma with their kids for a week. (I think we forgot just how difficult it is to get children in a car with diapers, sippy cups, treats, sunscreen, etc.). We had mixed emotions when Kevin and Aleisa returned and 1 year old Ella clung to Keena rather than going to her mom. But that lasted only for a few minutes. Of course, Aleisa is an awesome Mom – and Kevin is an awesome Dad. Kevin is still going strong at Boeing and has crossed the country on trips keeping suppliers on their toes for the 737 program.