



Christmas 2014
Season's Greetings
 From Kent & Keena Price



Checking out our SCUBA gear in Australia

Dear Friends and Family,

As we look back on 2014, two wonderful events stand out – visiting family and friends in Australia and Dubai, and sharing a great family reunion in Idaho.

Krey and his family have been living in Australia for the last five years. In that time, they have only been back to the states once, so we figured it was time to pay them a visit “down under.” In January and February, we spent about a month in the Perth area, with the kids trying to teach us how to say “G’day, Mate.” It was so fun seeing the sights, experiencing the culture and just being with the family in their day-to-day routines. We loved being in Perth for the *BIG Australia Day* celebration.

Before leaving for Australia, we both got SCUBA certified and planned a trip across the continent to the Northeast coast and the Great Barrier Reef. Unfortunately, a cyclone cancelled all diving and snorkeling while we were there. So instead of diving we visited a part of Australia we never expected - a lush tropical rain forest complete with Wallabees, Koala Bears, crocodiles and other strange creatures. We returned to Perth by way of Sydney where we visited friends and saw a Rossini opera in the iconic Sydney Opera House. We were able to do some scuba diving in the Indian Ocean near Perth but the Great Barrier Reef will have to stay on our bucket list a little longer.

Our flight itinerary between Salt Lake and Perth was a bit complex and included a tour of Singapore and several days in Dubai and the UAE (United Arab Emirates) where we visited long time friends who have lived there for several years. It’s a fascinating country of superlatives. We went to the observation deck of the tallest building in the world, shopped at the largest mall in the world, visited an indoor ski slope (!), and went through the great Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi. (If interested, google *Base Jump Dubai*, *Ski Dubai*, and/or *Grand Mosque Abu Dhabi* for more.)

The second big event was gathering our stateside posterity (except our oldest grandchild, Ben who is serving as a missionary in Wisconsin) for a big family reunion in Idaho. We found a wonderful cabin that slept all 31 of us as we enjoyed swimming, boating, flying (in Kent’s powered parachute, of course), white water rafting, and all kinds of sports and games. We were there on the 4th of July and loved the fireworks over the lake and the reminder of what a great country we live in.



Add to that our annual “Cycle Safari” - this year to Great Basin National Park -, a trip to Boston for Kent’s 45th reunion of the Harvard Business School, other trips around Utah and the western U.S., and we’ve had a pretty busy year. On the Boston trip, we visited Keena’s nursing alma mater and the college where we once served as dorm parents. We also spent few days enjoying the seacoast and the fall colors in Maine and New Hampshire.

Keena - I'm still glowing from our trip to Australia where I got to hold and hug grandchildren I hadn't seen for way too long. And then to have the rest of our family together in July was frosting on the cake. At the reunion, our clever children came up with "Raising Prices" for the adult t-shirts and "Best Prices In Town" for the grandkids. I also feel blessed to be able to get together with brothers and sisters as well as with my mother who is still going strong at almost 93! I'm writing another family history book on the Krey line and have become a little fanatic getting to know my ancestors better. On the side, I still work as a dialysis nurse (at my age!) and, coincidentally, I'm now involved in family history at church after almost 5 years teaching children in Primary.



Keena's Bliss



May I also wash your windshield?

Kent – Always looking for something new to try, I got a sub-contract with the Forest Service to help fight wild fires in Utah and adjoining states. What an experience! When there is a large enough fire I take a 2,500 gallon tanker truck out to the command posts, camp out and eat with the hot shot crews, and provide fuel for their vehicles and equipment. It was fascinating to watch how a city of 500 people, complete with catering vehicles, a mess tent seating 250 people at a time, a semi-trailer with 20 shower stalls, and a dozen air conditioned yurts with administrative offices can spring up within 24 hours where there was previously only wilderness. I was only called out to two fires this last season, but expect more this coming year. Beyond that, I still teach at the local community college, give a lot of flight instruction, and serve on the boards of the Harvard Alumni Association of Utah and the local home owners association. At church I work with the stake cub scouts and the ward high priests leadership. Life is busy and good.

Kent + Keena

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

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

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The Next Generation(s)....



Karl and Kristina (Nina) Shurts
Ben-22, Michaela-20, Kiana-20, Dallin-18,
Kandra-15, Jonathan-7, Clarissa-6, Simon-6

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Imagine the thrill for the bilingual Shurts family when Michaela received her mission call to Frankfurt, Germany. She has been there for three months and thinks she is in heaven. Ben will soon be home from his mission in Wisconsin – a great experience. Kiana is enjoying her second year at BYU Idaho. This leaves “only” five children at home with Dallin and Kandra involved in 4H, basketball, track, early morning seminary and helping to raise the 3 “babies” who are already in school. Dallin (6’6”) recently won the Oregon state championship in discus. Nina is still YW president and Karl is in the high priests leadership and shines as a super chef and devoted dad.



Krey and Lindy Price
Jaedin-16, Cambren-14, Addisen-12, Berkeley-8, Esai-4, Desi-1½

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This was quite a year of change as Krey’s temporary assignment in Australia came to an end and he was recalled to the U.S. They took a huge gamble by turning down the transfer and applying for permanent residency in Australia. Luckily a miracle came through in the form of a new job with visa sponsorship. Krey is now working for the Australian division of MWH Global, an international engineering firm. After moving to a wonderful new location right on the edge of a national park, they are getting ready to celebrate Christmas in their seventh house in as many years. The kids are enjoying their school activities. But with all of the recent changes, they are also looking forward to a relaxing summer vacation (which is just two weeks away in Australia!).



Jared and Kamber Turner
David-12, Kyle-10, Marie-9, Sam-7, Anna-5 (Jacob-*)

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The Turner family is really enjoying their Idaho Falls community. The children are involved in baseball, gymnastics and hockey as well as violin, viola, trombone and piano. David and Anna were even in a local theatre production. Kami is keeping up her french horn playing by teaching lessons and playing in the Idaho Falls Symphony and other groups. Jared's Construction Solutions Company is steaming ahead and the Turner's hope to build their own home next year. David joined the Young Men group at church. Jared continues as Young Men's president. Kami serves as cub den leader. AND - the whole family is looking forward to welcoming #7 in May !!



Neal and Kerrie Davis
Kenton-15, Merrill-13, Hampton-11, Greta-9, Sofia-6, Peter-6

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With the Davis family living only 30 minutes north of us, we are able to share in many of their activities including soccer tournaments, gymnastics, piano, violin, scouts, etc., etc. It's a new stage for their family with all of the children in school now and the oldest, Kenton, getting ready to drive and getting his Eagle. Kerrie still plays her oboe in the Timapanogos Symphony Orchestra and, not to be outdone by Kent and Kevin, is now Primary chorister in their ward. Neal continues as Young Men's president and when he's not being a pediatrician, he's hiking, or skiing, or camping, or coaching - whatever it takes - with the young men of the ward or with family. Greta’s Myasthena Gravis seems to be in remission and under control, for which we are most thankful.



Kevin and Aleisa Price
Janey-6, Russell-6, Ella-4, Charlie-2

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It was fun for us to fly to Washington in November for Janey's baptism. It was a little bit of heaven - watching Janey take charge of the baptism festivities, and seeing how much Russell is learning in Kindergarten. Ella just cut her hair for Locks of Love so "another little girl can have pretty curls." Aleisa keeps the whole family running smoothly, while little Charlie, at a year and a half just wants to keep the family on the run. Kevin is still working as a “payload engineer” at Boeing and recently produced a wacky music video highlighting his department’s achievements for the end-of-the-year division luncheon. Kevin is 1st counselor in the Elder's Quorum and Aleisa is first counselor in the Primary. And some big news: number 5 is expected in April!