



Christmas 2016
Season's Greetings
From Kent & Keena Price



Cedar Breaks National Monument
 (Kent tried a beard but it didn't last long.)

Dear Friends and Family,

Our theme this year is one of gratitude. We've had a busy year and most things have gone well. Some highlights include...

- making multiple trips to Idaho, Washington and Oregon to visit family;
- having a great family reunion near Yellowstone National Park with most of our kids and grandkids. This has become a biennial tradition but it's getting harder to have everyone together. We missed our Australia contingent and a couple of others due to missionary service and a summer job back east. But they were with us in spirit and via cardboard cutouts for pictures;
- joining with some friends for our annual "cycle safari" - only this time we did it without motorcycles. We drove to a bed and breakfast in Steamboat Springs, Colorado and enjoyed soaking in the hot springs and hiking in the mountains;
- enjoying a few days with friends touring southern Utah (including Cedar Breaks) and attending the Shakespeare Festival.

Other than that, we spent quite a bit of time writing a new book which Keena has been working on for several years. In 2011 she published a book on her Swiss ancestry and has now followed it with a new book *"The Kreys – from Prussia to Zion"* on her German side. At 460 pages and including a lot of background material on 19th century life in Prussia, it has turned out to be quite an undertaking. It is also available on digital media and on line. If you are interested, you can have a look at

www.tinyurl.com/krey-p2z.



Kent and friends at our local airport



Ice flying on Utah Lake



Family Reunion in Idaho



The author

Keena - This year, I'm trying to appreciate the simple, every day gifts of my life - a loving family and a supportive husband; being healthy enough to walk every morning with my friend for the last 14 years; living in our desert paradise surrounded by beautiful mountains; working as a dialysis nurse which is still challenging and rewarding; and having a faith that gives meaning and purpose to my life. I'm especially grateful to have my sweet mother living nearby. At 95 (in January) she is still vibrant and caring. She was so thrilled to have me finish the book about my Krey ancestry and said, "When you die, the first thing Dad is going to say to you is, 'Thank you for writing that book.'"



Keena's Mom and 5 of her 7 children



On the fireline

Kent - This hasn't been a year of great changes. I'm still flying, teaching, driving, serving on a couple of boards and staying active in church callings. I again spent a couple of weeks helping with a firefighting operation in southern Utah (see our 2014 letter) and am currently working on a new version of the GearMaster. It has been a lot of fun serving as Keena's "Editor in Chief" for her new book on the Kreys. In May I celebrated the 50th anniversary of my 25th birthday which translates to three quarters of a century – so far, so good.

We hope this letter finds all well with 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-24, Michaela-22, Kiana-22, Dallin-20,
Kandra-17, Jonathan-9, Clarissa-8, Simon-8

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The dust doesn't settle long with the Shurts family - even with the four oldest away from home. Dallin is enjoying his mission in Brazil; Ben and the older twins, Michaela and Kiana, are in Provo. (The girls are at BYU and are living in the same apartment complex Keena lived when she was at BYU!) The family managed a trip to Disneyland and hosted a German student who joined us at our big family reunion in Idaho. At home, Nina has been remodeling in the house, reupholstering furniture, working as a substitute teacher, and homeschooling the youngest three. Kandra is already a senior and is looking forward to college next year. Karl is still enjoying his work at Intel. He serves in the stake YM presidency and Nina in the ward RS presidency.



Krey and Lindy Price
Jaedin-18, Cambren-16, Addisen-14, Berkeley-10, Esai-6, Desi-3

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Life for the Aussie Prices was full of changes in 2016, starting with a move to a new house in the Perth hills (they have vowed to never, ever, ever move again...). Krey quit his job to start his own company doing software training and engineering consulting; the whole family is now involved in helping to plan and cater training events and workshops for the business. Jaedin has faced some challenges with his heart condition but has been doing well enough to finally qualify for a heart transplant. Preparations for the possible surgery have dominated life for the whole family lately. Although it is a scary prospect, it is exciting at the same time, and they feel blessed to have the option available.



Jared and Kamber Turner
David-14, Kyle-12, Marie-11, Sam-9, Anna-6, Jacob- $\frac{5}{8}$, Clara-1 $\frac{1}{2}$

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The Turners seem to be sold on Idaho. They love the community, the neighborhood, and the surrounding countryside where they camp and ski. They are especially enjoying their beautiful new home. The children are involved in music, sports, scouts and church, but mostly like to just hang out at home. Jared's commercial construction company is growing and they just built a new office and shop to keep up with their expansion. Kamber continues to teach horn lessons and plays in many community events. At church, Jared is the Gospel Doctrine teacher and Kamber is a counselor in the Relief Society. In June, they took the three oldest on a brief vacation to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The youngest three stayed with us and we had a great time with them.



Neal and Kerrie Davis
Kenton-17, Merrill-15, Hampton-13, Greta-11, Sofia-9, Peter-9

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Not much has changed with the Davis family this year. Neal is still a pediatrician and medical director for Intermountain Health Care. He received the Healing for Life Award this year which recognized his focus on helping underserved children and families. He serves as Young Men's President in the ward. Kerrie stays busy running kids to soccer, gymnastics, basketball and music lessons but she still gets to play oboe in a community orchestra. She also enjoys leading the music in the Primary at church. A highlight of the year for the family was a trip to the Tetons. They're trying to squeeze in as many experiences as they can during the last of the "golden years" while all of the kids are still at home. Kenton is applying for college and will probably leave on a mission next summer!



Kevin and Aleisa Price
Janey-10, Russell-8, Ella-6, Charlie-4, Chloe-1 $\frac{1}{2}$

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It's been a good year for the family of our youngest in the state of Washington. With five children, a dog and four chickens, they feel quite settled in their community and their new home. Kevin and Aleisa have enjoyed remodeling and updating their home (how did they get so skilled?) Kevin still works for Boeing but changed positions and is now working from home. Aleisa is keeping busy homeschooling 5 children and being president of the Primary where she was able to get Kevin involved as chorister again. Janey is into violin and dance; Russell has taken on the cello and Ella is their prima ballerina. A highlight for us was watching the children while Kevin and Aleisa took a short vacation to Las Vegas. Having them all to ourselves was a real joy and gave us a chance to get to know our rambunctious Charlie and angel Chloe better!