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Scott's Thoughts



“This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may

remain.” (Hebrews 12:27, ESV)

The first day of August came and went this year without any fanfare or fireworks. There was nothing to mark it as different from any other day yet, for me it was a milestone. I have made no secret of the fact that Ava and I have moved many times since we were first married. Each time we thought we were doing what was right for our family. But in all those times we only really felt at home in one place, and that came to a disappointing end.

We have never moved just for an increase in salary. Sometimes we actually had to take a pay cut. Many factors enter into the equation when considering a move. If I had it to do over, I'm not sure I would make the same choices again but each choice, no matter how it ended, has brought new people into our lives and has expanded our understanding of different areas of the country. Ava has been by my side every time. She has been a constant in my life like no other.

We have left behind many friends along the way but have never put them out of our thoughts or lives. There are many people we still stay in touch with from all across the nation. Social Media has really helped with that. We cherish each friend along the way and we are happy to add new friends on a continual basis.

What does all this have to do with August 1, 2020? Well, the first day of August marked the beginning of our fourth year living here in Newkirk. Things have been shaken in our lives so many times, but now we want to remain. That may sound kind of cryptic so let me explain. We have found Newkirk is a place where we want to live, not just because of a job but, as a place to put down roots, make friends, and live out the rest of our lives, not just as residents but, as part of the community. I do have a job here but it is more than just a job it is a chance to be of service to anyone that I have the ability to help. Our desire is to remain here for as long as God allows us to live.

“Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,” (Philippians 1:25, ESV)

Thanks for listening and keep on shining.

—Scott