

Moving!

We have quite a lot of boxes at the moment. We're driving down to the new apartment on Saturday. It's going to be a huge change for all of us, but I think it will be very positive overall.

Xander will be starting his PhD program. Katja is starting a new preschool. That is somewhat bittersweet, since she will miss her friends and teachers who have known her since she was quite small. She really enjoyed her visit to the new preschool, though, so hopefully she will settle in easily. I have a job lined up and I'm very happy with it.

There are year round farmer's markets, which, after years of the short growing season in the desert, excites me more than it probably should. We'll be living half a mile from one of them. I am considering joining a running group, possibly starting rock climbing for cross training again, and we get to explore new hiking trails.

I will miss a lot of people in Reno. We've made some very dear friends here over the years. On the other hand, we'll be closer to some family, we have friends about an hour away, and it's a completely different environment in many ways. Katja will get to learn to swim, we get to start growing herbs on our patio, I will hopefully not be allergic to everything that grows there (well, at least for the first year or two), and the neighborhood is very, very quiet. This last point is important because we have a neighborhood dog that barks all night and fairly regularly wakes Katja up. When that happens, everyone gets woken up. That does not improve the next day at all.

I am taking a little bit of time off from running because my hip is not particularly amused by the fact that I've been packing and moving boxes a lot since last week. Almost

everything is packed and organized. Over the next few days we will get to see several family members we don't get to see very often, do a lot of driving, move a lot of boxes into and out of trucks, and probably not get enough sleep, but it's the beginning of a big change for our little family and I'm very excited to begin our new journey.