

# Dan & Juli Pottner

## Arctic Barnabas Ministries



Dan Pottner is Human Resources Coordinator at Arctic Barnabas ministries. When Dan was twelve, he experienced God's power and protection during a tornado while fishing with his dad and brother. He knew God was real and had personally kept him from harm that day, yet he continued to live life his own way for the next 20 years. His failed attempts to find fulfillment left him feeling empty and hopeless. He had nowhere left to go. In September of 1998, He got down on his knees and told God that if He could show himself as real and would change his life, Dan would follow Him forever. He did and a few months later Dan met Juli.

Juli grew up in a Christian home and accepted Christ as a child. She had an interest in missions since she was a kid and wanted to be a missionary to Africa. (That's where she thought you had to go.) After college, she spent a year in Taiwan, Honduras and Ecuador teaching missionaries' kids. When she returned from Ecuador, she remembers telling God that she did not want to go on the mission field again unless she was married. Soon after arriving back in the U.S. she met Dan.

Dan and Juli have been married for 19 years and have served together from the beginning. From starting an outdoors ministry, teaching classes and leading small groups, to working in Disaster Relief, they have always worked well as a team and have a desire to see people become who God created them to be. Over the past 12 years felt called to serve God in a full-time capacity. After hearing a speaker from MMS Aviation in July of 2011, God confirmed that this is where He would have them begin to serve.

Dan raised support for two years to be an apprentice mechanic, but it became clear that God had other plans. Dan served as HR Director since arriving in Coshocton in June of 2014. Juli worked in receipting and administrative duties as well as my helper which is a great fit.

In November of 2017, God transitioned them to service in Alaska using their skills at Arctic Barnabas Ministries in Kenai. Dan is the Human Resources Coordinator using many of the same skills helping the organization grow into a larger role in missions.

Juli is using her skills in the office. Working to hone the receipting process, various office duties at ABM and finding ways to use her Biblical Counseling certificate. She still assists Dan in any way she can.

Arctic Barnabas Ministries (ABM) was founded in 2000 to provide Practical and spiritual care to Alaskan bush pastors and missionaries. They enable the longevity of the Gospel to be spread in Alaska and Northern Canada. This is summed up in our organization's mission statement: Strengthening and encouraging pastors, missionaries and their families to effectively advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout remote Alaska and Northern Canada. ABM resides at the Kenai Municipal Airport in Kenai, Alaska.