

Dan Pottner biographical sketch

Dan Pottner is Human Resources Director of MMS Aviation

Dan When I was twelve, I experienced God's power and protection during a tornado while fishing with my dad and brother. I knew God was real and had personally kept me from harm that day, yet I continued to live life my own way for the next 20 years. My failed attempts to find fulfillment left me feeling nothing but empty and hopeless. I had nowhere left to go. In September of 1998, I got down on my knees and told God that if He could show me He was real and change my life that I would follow Him forever. He did and a few months later I met Juli.

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

Together we have been married for 15 years and have served together from the beginning. From starting an outdoors ministry, teaching classes and leading small groups, to working in Disaster Relief, we have always worked well as a team and have a desire to see people become who God created them to be. Over the past few years we've had the call and desire 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 us serve. I (Dan) raised support for two years for being an apprentice mechanic but it became clear that God had other plans and that MMS was our final destination in missions. I (Dan) have been serving as HR Director since arriving in Coshocton in June of 2014. Juli has been working in receipting and administrative duties as well as my helper which is a great fit.

MMS Aviation (Missionary Maintenance services) was founded in 1975 to provide aviation mechanic training through an apprenticeship approach. As a basis for training, aircraft operated by Christian missionary organizations are maintained repaired, repaired, and overhauled. This is summed up in the organization's mission statement: *Preparing people and airplanes for worldwide missionary service.* MMS aviation resides at the Richard Downing airport in Coshocton, Ohio.

