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The Ackermans

T H E I R S T O R Y

Hi there, my name is Josiah! I was born in Pittsburgh and grew up going to the Bible Chapel with my family. My parents had always encouraged my siblings and I to do missions trips with the Chapel or our Dad's church. We all went on multiple trips in our grade school years. After graduating high school, I went to do a DTS with a YWAM base in London that was heavily focused on the arts and reaching people with those gifts in the community. After completing school, I attended Kent State for Fashion design but felt called to return to London and continue doing missions in the city. Since 2019, I've been serving with the organization One Ministry UK in many different areas such as managing the coffee ministry (including our 2 cafe locations with Think +), pioneering a coffee roastery, overseeing governance for the organization, event coordination for camps and activities we run through the year, and other areas as well!

Heya! My name's Natalia! I grew up in a Christian household but my faith really found its feet when I took a gap year after high school to be a missionary in London. Learning that there was a missionary group that focused on arts, I joined the fashion ministry team here at One UK, formerly a YWAM base, and have been a part of it ever since! My work here can span the areas of teaching fashion construction or styling, putting on workshops for the community to learn fashion skills, leading evangelism in Camden Town with Hope and Anchor Community Church, and being on the leadership for the young adults ministry for the church. I also have a huge heart for counseling and am pushing to see our warehouse, called "The Cave", become a safe space for people in the industry to collaborate, learn, or just have a coffee and chat.

I met Josiah when we worked together in fashion ministry in early 2020. We quickly became good friends and in 2022 we started praying about dating and got married in May of 2023! **It's been a year so far and we are excited to see God move in London as we continue to serve here!**

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P R A Y E R & P R A I S E

- The fashion ministry Natalia is involved in, Coal Studios, is planning to release a fashion collection next Spring. She'd love prayer for God's provision with materials and fabrics as well as for connections with other designers that they could collaborate with!
- Josiah would love prayer for Barbel Roastery, specifically making connections with church cafes that would supply their coffee.
- Fun news, Natalia is currently 18 weeks pregnant! We'd love prayer in this new step as a family and for health for the baby!
- Meeting Glenn and Barry in the beginning of the month and being encouraged by the Bible Chapel's support
- Meeting other creative Christians at the Renaissance Fair and selling our first bags of Barbel Coffee
- Josiah is getting a promotion in the new year as Cafe Manager while the current position holder goes on maternity leave!