



MEET

The Ackermans

THEIR STORY

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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PRAYER & PRAISE

- Our ministry base leader and pastor Chris recently had a meeting with the landlords of the Cave space which went really well! In short, there were a few illegal moves they made in regards to the building, charging us for the gas of all three levels of the building without our knowing being one of them. Through this meeting, though, it seems they took responsibility and will be fixing their malpractices!
- On a more personal note, the landlord of Josiah and my flat agreed to letting our family stay in the Airbnb downstairs for a discounted rate when the baby arrives; having family a couple floors away for the newborn stage will be such a blessing!
- Hope & Anchor Church in our new Hackney Wick location; pray for the locals to find out about us and for general beginning hiccups in running a service in this new space to be smoothed out.
- Josiah would love prayer for strategy and strength when it comes to Barbell Roastery. He has many dreams for it and wants wisdom for what to focus on now and how to bring others into it to help him when parenthood begins!
- Natalia would love prayer for a smooth last couple weeks at work before maternity leave and for wisdom as well in ministry, as it can be hard to have vision for the clothing collection Coal Studios wants to release, when she knows her availability and capacity will be changing soon.