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The Ackermans

THEIR STORY

Hi there, my name is Josiah! I was born in Pittsburgh and grew up going to the Bible Chapel with his family. My parents had always encouraged my siblings and I to do missions trips with the Chapel or our Dad's church and 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 the 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 called 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

- - Natalia's search for a new secondary job to help pay bills. She is currently working in a cafe position at a busy cafe/restaurant and would love to find a slower and easier paced job as either a stylist (which is what she studied in university) or as a receptionist at a local shop.
- - For Natalia & the fashion ministry as they work towards releasing a new line of clothing early 2025.
- - For myself and the coffee ministry as I've begun reaching out to local churches to build connections/ ideal wholesale relationships to help launch the Coffee roastery. The roastery is also going to start providing for Think+ so prayers for that as we begin roasting more for our ministry cafe and for the possibilities that can open with future relationships with other brands, trainees and others that get involved with the shop and the roastery.
- - Prayer for our upcoming Christmas evangelism. We will be hosting a Christmas market to our community. Our aim is to bring in as many people as we can and spread the good word to them along with some festive treats / other bits (not completely sure yet as its 2 months out)
- - Natalia and I are expecting our first next April/May! So praise report and prayers as we will need to adjust our schedules and work flows a bit with that new change in our life. As well prayers for our housing situation as we have a tiny flat and would be looking to find something a bit bigger as the kiddo gets older.
- - Praises for a success Carnival outreach where we were able to have countless conversations, pray for many people and spread promises/scriptures to hundreds of people of the two days of carnival in Nottingham.