



### 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

- Josiah's new job at John Lobb!! No matter how long he's there for, he's getting so much experience and knowledge in the world of bespoke shoemaking.
- We're super grateful for our friends inministry... I think we see it even more now as parents how much of a blessing it is to have community. Even after a tough night, after spending five minutes in Think+, I'm already so refreshed and encouraged.
- For our family as we transition to this new structure of Josiah working full time while I'm at home. We both have our fears and worries about it, but we know that God opened this door and that he'll provide the grace and strength for this season, however long it is.
- I'm looking into counselling courses to do online this year so please pray that God shows me the right one for this season and provides to money to take it!
- Please continue to pray a replacement
- Space for The Cave where we can run both art ministries and Hope & Anchor Church.