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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**

- We've been having a bit of a battle with the landlord of The Cave over them falsely charging us the energy bill for the whole building instead of just our floor. The landlord owns the energy company that is charging us. So far we've refused to pay rent until it's resolved. Please pray this gets resolved and for justice and grace in the whole process!
- Don & Susan, our contacts for our sending agency and partner in World Teams, have just moved to London! Pray for them as they move in, make renovations and settle in. Also pray for wisdom and strategy while we're brainstorming how we can start Muslim ministry, which has always been their focus and heart. Pray for me and Josiah in this partnership since we don't necessarily have a big heart for Muslims, and we don't have a lot of time to offer them either. Pray we have wisdom in how we can bless and serve in this next season with them.
- We have several events at The Cave this month. One was a poem magazine launch last weekend which went so well. Many nonbeliever writers contributed to the piece and came to the launch party. It was a great opportunity to talk about the issues theme and have naturally deep faith conversations!
- Next week there's a short film screening and the week after is a live music night Pray these evenings will be full of deep conversation and connection!
- We've noticed a lot of mold in our new flat, which is sadly very normal for these Victorian houses during winter. We want to be proactive in eradicating the mold, but our landlords they don't seem very knowledgeable about it and aren't really helping to solve the problem. This, and a couple other things, have led to some slightly tense conversations. Pray for us as we navigate these conversations. Pray we communicate with grace and love and that they understand we're trying to help take care of their house.
- Pray for the Lord's rich blessing on Josiah and Natalia's marriage and in their parenting of lil' Theo.