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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

- Josiah has applied to a remote job with Tor, an online privacy non-profit. The job is Grant management, a role he can do quite well, and the fully remote aspect would mean he's able to see Theo more and could be around for ministry again (like being able to join worship team for church again). The job is also quite a big pay raise which would be a huge blessing since their rent has almost doubled with the new flat.
- Pray for the finances of their church's cafe Think+. January is slow for most businesses and both our hairdressers are taking fewer appointments which affects the income.
- There have always been issues with the plumbing at The Cave, which results in unusable toilets or leaks, especially when it rains, which happens a lot. Please pray for the landlords to fix it!
- Pray for the Lord's rich blessing on Josiah and Natalia's marriage and in their parenting of lil' Theo.
- Natalia's parents are in the process of going through items in their home and renovating to put their house on the market. They'll be moving into their own apartments in the next couple of months. Pray for peace over the whole process and for bitterness to not come up in their hearts as the divorce is finalized. Pray for her brother who is local to have wisdom on how to be there for them.
- They GOT A NEW FLAT! They'll be moving January 24th into a ground floor 3 bedroom flat with plenty of space for Theo to crawl. This flat is better than they could've hoped for and they're blown away by God's faithfulness and provision. It is, of course, a big increase in terms of rent and things might be tight but they felt that God would provide the finances for it.