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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 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

- The Cave update: Praise the Lord, the landlord of The Cave isn't doubling our rent anymore! This is definitely a huge praise, but I can tell we're still a bit wary that he'll change his mind in the future. Pray for that relationship with the landlord as well as for more relationships with those in the community of Hackney Wick, as we're seeing a lot of artists move out of that area due to the rental prices going up!
- Pray for the relationship with the landlord of The Cave, and for him to fix a few leaks and things that have been broken in the building.
- Hope and Anchor Community Church: At church, we've started a new system of a rotation of pastors, Chris still as the head pastor but with 4 supporting pastors. This has been a super refreshing change to hear other sermon styles. Please join us in lifting them up in prayer as they step into their new roles and bring us the word on Sundays! The new supporting pastors are Courtney, Jetson, Salma and Eric.
- Mom Ministry: This month, I stepped back from the fashion ministry called Coal Studios since I wasn't able to be at the Cave often enough and when I was, it's a bit difficult to sew and hold a baby! As well, I started a course with Light University to get training in Christian counseling and I felt that that was the ministry God wanted me to focus on in this season. Apart from the course, I've been itching to still meet people and evangelize because that's one of the things that really brings me life. This last week I joined a "stay and play" group that a mom friend of mine invited me to. It's hosted by a local church, but from what I can tell, most of the attendees aren't believers or members of that church. I'm super excited to get to know the other moms, build connection and hopefully have faith conversations!
- Pray for me to make connections with moms and go deeper with them.
- Pray for our flat search. So far everything we've found that we like would be a stretch for us financially, so we'd love wisdom to know when to pass and when trust God will provide.
- Please pray for Natalia's immediate family. We had some sad news earlier this week and they just need to be covered in prayer.
- We still have The Cave to do ministry in.
- Natalia has found a stay and play group that allows me to meet other moms locally.