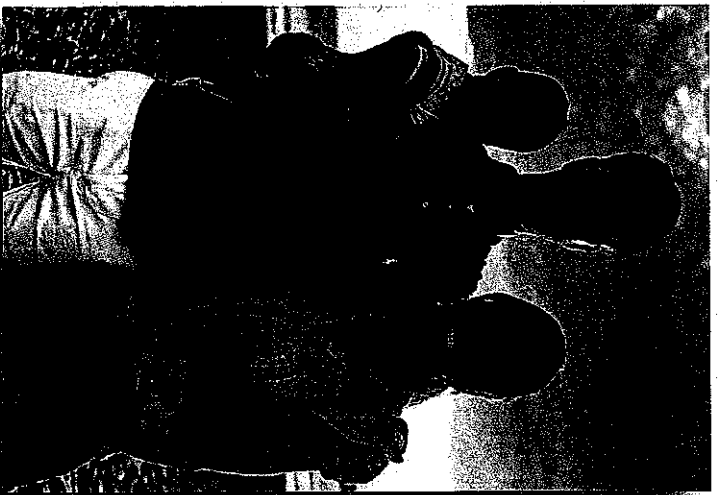




Richard David Wearmouth was born and raised in the small mining town of Bedlington, England, where The Salvation Army had a strong presence.

He originally studied computer engineering, and his first corporate job was with the American company EDS, founded by Ross Perot, a supporter of The Salvation Army in Dallas, Texas, where his cousins served at DHQ.

However, God led him in a different direction, and he left the computing field to serve in community development at his home corps—a role he deeply loved. In 2013,

he entered training for full-time ministry at William Booth Training College in London. He served at Lowestoft Corps for summer placement, then at Harwich and Braintree Corps. During his time in Braintree, God opened the door for him to meet Valentina from across the ocean and from a different culture. In what felt like a movie scene, they met in New York City in September 2019. They were married during COVID on March 19, 2020, in Piedmont Park, Atlanta, with only his mother-in-law, Chris the dog, and the officiating officer present. Amazingly, Richard had taken the very last flight out of London before travel restrictions closed airways to

UK residents for nearly two years.

Their son Lucas was born on September 6, 2021.



In July 2023, they moved to Camberwell, London, for their first appointment together as a couple. Their second son, Evan, joined the family on November 2, 2025, and now they arrive in the USA, excited for all that God has prepared ahead.

Valentina Wearmouth—I was born in Barranquilla Colombia, and at the age of nine, moved to the states. My US home state is Georgia where I graduated high school, university and eventually went into the Evangeline Booth Training College in 2008. In 16 years of ministry, I have been a Corps Officer, Youth Leader, Chaplain, and a Candidates Practitioner. In 2019 I fell in love with Richard and was transferred to the UK in 2020 to join him in life and ministry. We have been blessed with two beautiful boys which we adore: Lucas and Evan. We see them as a big part of our ministry. We love to spend time together with people, love to travel and explore the world.

We cannot wait to be your upcoming Kroc Congregational Life Officers and share our lives with one another.