



MORE THAN GOLD 2010

Churches Working Together to Support Sport and the Community

What is "More Than Gold"?

The principle objective of "More Than Gold" is to provide opportunities for Christian churches and agencies to unite and serve at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games. This awesome opportunity enables the Christian community to come together to serve and to witness to the people of Vancouver and to those coming from around the world. Whatever your skill or passion, there are many ways you can get involved in this outreach opportunity. It has been a tradition for churches in the Olympic host country to mobilize thousands of volunteers, provide hospitality for families of athletes, offer chaplaincy services, and distribute water to spectators, among many other activities.

How Can You be Involved?

You can become a "More Than Gold" volunteer by applying as an individual or as a team. All volunteers will be required to attend a full day training session provided by "More Than Gold" and a minimum of 5 ministry days. If you are interested in participating, simply complete the "More Than Gold" application form by following the 4 Easy Steps. Upon acceptance, we will provide you with the necessary documents to prepare for your involvement at the Olympic or Paralympic Games. Opportunities to serve exist before, during, and after the Olympics (Feb. 12-28, 2010) and Paralympics (Mar. 12-21, 2010).

4 Easy Steps

STEP 1

Please read the "More Than Gold" Terms and Conditions on page 3 of this form, before completing your application.

STEP 2 - Fill Out an Application Form.

Individuals (those not affiliated with a predetermined group) fill out "Part 1" of this application form together with Form B - "Partnership Agreement", and Form C - "Pastoral Reference Form".

Mission Teams - Group leader fill out "Part 2" of this application form together with Form B - "Partnership Agreement".

STEP 3 - Submit your application.

Application form, together with the non refundable application fee (\$75.00 Canadian per person), are due no later than November 1, 2009. Please make cheques payable to "More Than Gold". All forms are to be mailed to:

Your denominational or organizational representative or

More Than Gold
c/o 131 East Kings Road
North Vancouver BC Canada V7N 1H4

STEP 4 - Await confirmation of acceptance.

Upon receipt, "More Than Gold" will process your application. If accepted, you will receive the "More Than Gold" Information/Acceptance Package outlining your next steps.

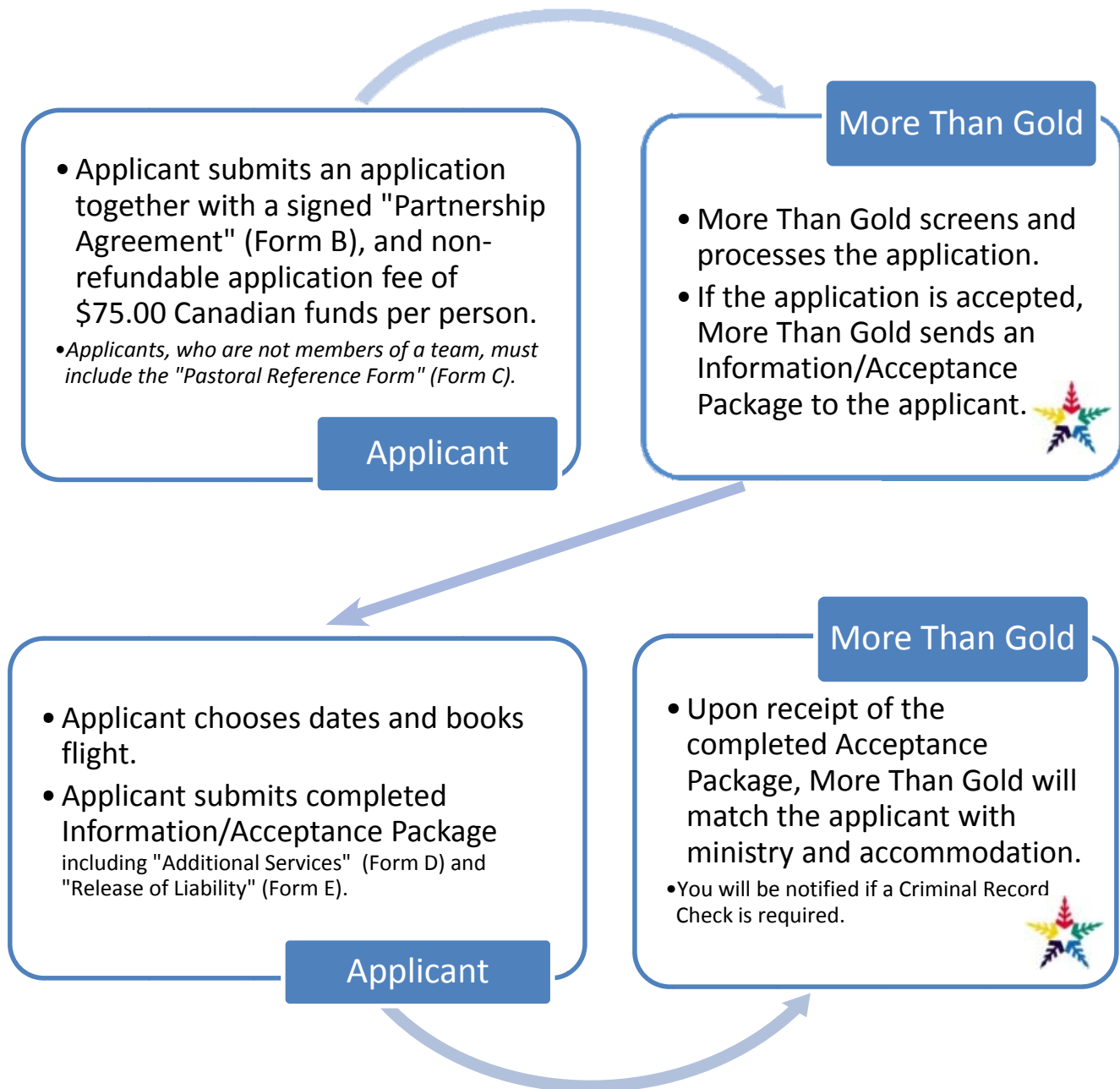




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Application Timeline



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morethangoldteams@gmail.com

Terms and Conditions

- Participation with “More Than Gold” does not entitle volunteers to tickets to Olympic or Paralympic Games events.
- “More Than Gold” reserves the right to cancel the participation of any individual or group for taking part in activities deemed inappropriate.
- Participants 18 years of age and younger must have their parent/guardian sign their “Release of Liability” (Form E) and be accompanied by a participating adult leader. The leader of their team will be responsible for their welfare and behaviour for the duration of their stay. Leaders must be 19 years of age or older. (For youth teams, we recommend a leader-to-youth ratio of 1 to 6).
- Every participant must complete a “Release of Liability” (Form E).
- Applications from individuals (not members of a team) will not be processed until the “Pastor’s Reference” (Form C) has been completed.
- Applications will not be processed until the \$75 non-refundable registration fee per person has been paid.
- All volunteers are required to attend a full day training session provided by “More Than Gold” and serve for a minimum of 5 days.
- **Housing** - accommodation will vary according to location. Some participants may be housed in recreational rooms, classrooms, etc. Participants should not expect hotel quality accommodation. Participants must bring suitable bedding (i.e. sleeping bag, pillow, etc.). Bathroom and shower facilities will be provided. Details will be confirmed before arrival.
- **Transportation** - All transportation will be the responsibility of participating teams. “More Than Gold” will provide additional information as it becomes available.
- Participants 19 years of age and older working with children will be required to submit a criminal record check.
- At least 1 member of your team must speak, understand and write English fluently. Translators will not be provided.
- Participants are responsible for their own expenses.
- **Refunds** - The registration fee of \$75.00 is nonrefundable. If a person withdraws up to 2 weeks prior to commencement they will receive a refund of 80% of accommodation fees paid.

Registration Costs

The cost to register is \$75 (Canadian dollars) per person. This fee covers the following:

- Administration Fee
- Full Day of Training
- Ministry Pack*

*Ministry Pack will include a handbook, ID Tag, evangelistic materials, and “More Than Gold” Hat

ACCOMMODATION - Accommodation at Olympic Games is expensive and difficult to obtain. “More Than Gold” is contacting churches and agencies within travel distance of Vancouver to secure inexpensive housing for our volunteers. The length of accommodation will be limited to your time of service only. If you arrive early or stay past the agreed upon dates, you will be responsible for arranging your own housing for these periods. There will be no volunteer housing provided in Whistler, the mountain venue.

Accommodations will range from churches, schools and other institutional facilities to private homes. Shower facilities will be provided in all locations. Bring your own bedding and towels.

The fee for bed and breakfast accommodation covers the costs of utilities, supplies (e.g. toilet paper, paper towels), janitorial and other services, etc.

For bed & breakfast only:
\$17.00/day (Canadian dollars)

For bed & breakfast and a bag lunch:
\$23.00/day (Canadian dollars)

Dinner (evening meal):
Will not be provided

TRANSPORTATION - Expect that vehicle rentals in Vancouver will be extremely limited during the Games. Most volunteers should expect to use public transportation (www.translink.bc.ca), including regular buses, the Skytrain (rapid transit), and special shuttle buses arranged by VANOC, the official Vancouver Organizing Committee. (Those serving in Whistler can expect an approximately 2-3 hour bus ride from downtown Vancouver each way.)

“More Than Gold” can help you obtain transit tickets/passes closer to the time of your arrival. At the time of writing this document, plans for transportation passes have not yet been released by VANOC. Check the “More Than Gold” website (www.morethangold.ca) for transportation updates.

All costs related to transportation are the responsibility of participants.

CLOTHING/RESOURCES - “More Than Gold” will have items available for purchase, including clothing and evangelism materials. See the website (www.morethangold.ca).



Application Form "Part 1" Individual (not associated with an organization or team)

(please print legibly)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____ Church Affiliation: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State: _____

Country: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (day) _____ (eve) _____

Email Address: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

All participants should be prepared to serve in a broad range of environments. Please indicate areas of skill you possess. (please note - we cannot guarantee placement in any specific ministry):

- Sports / KidsGames Visual & Performing Arts Open Crowd/Community Festivals
 Prayer Ministry Hospitality/Food Service Other

Other _____

What languages do you speak fluently? _____

Will you require accommodation? Yes No

If no, where are you booked to stay? _____

Please include the following with your application:

- Completed "Partnership Agreement" (Form B)
 Completed "Pastoral Reference" (Form C)
 A paragraph explaining why you want to serve
 Non-refundable Registration Fee of \$75.00 (Canadian Funds) payable to More Than Gold

PLEASE NOTE:

- Participants applying as creative and performing artists, or as sports coaches/program leaders, will be required to fill out an additional application form specific to those ministries. Forms will be posted on the "More Than Gold" website at (www.morethangold.ca).
- This is your initial application. If approved, you will receive a full participation package containing a handbook and pertinent documents for your involvement with "More Than Gold".
- Everyone is responsible to obtain his/her own travel medical insurance coverage. Please acknowledge this responsibility by signing below:

Signature

Print Name

NOTE: Participants 19 years of age and older working with children will be required to submit a criminal record check.



Application Form "Part 2" - Mission Teams (please print legibly)

Organization or Team Name: _____

Team Leader (Primary Contact): _____

Address of Primary Contact _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Country: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Phone: (day) _____ (eve.) _____ Mobile: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Number of People on your Team? _____

Please Note: You are required to provide "More Than Gold" with a list of all participants in your team together with a completed "Release of Liability" (Form E) for each member of your team no later than November 1, 2009.

Will your team or any members of your team require accommodation? Yes No

If No, where are you booked to stay? _____

- Sports / KidsGames Visual & Performing Arts Open Crowd/Community Festivals
 Prayer Ministry Hospitality/Food Service Other

All teams should be prepared to serve in a broad range of environments. Please indicate areas of skill represented by your team. (please note - we cannot guarantee placement in any specific ministry):

Other: _____

What languages do members of your team speak fluently? _____

Checklist Be sure to complete the following so that your application can be processed:

Please include the following with your application:

- Completed "Partnership Agreement" (Form B)
 Non-refundable registration fee of \$75.00 x (number on team) = \$ _____ (Canadian Dollars) payable to "More Than Gold"

PLEASE NOTE:

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- This is your initial application. If approved you will receive a full participation package containing a handbook and pertinent documents for your involvement with "More Than Gold".
- Everyone on your team is responsible to obtain his/her own travel medical insurance coverage. Team Leaders, please acknowledge this responsibility by signing below:

Signature of Team Leader

Print Name

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Partnership Agreement - Form B

“More Than Gold” is the name given to an organization that has been created by the Christian denominations, organizations and ministries of Vancouver and Whistler. “More Than Gold” has been given the role of casting the vision of how the 2010 Games can be used for ministry purposes, and coordinating ministry activities during the Games.

Being aware of the cultural and spiritual sensitivities of Vancouver and Whistler, the denominations and organizations that make up “More Than Gold” are requesting that any mission team wishing to come to Vancouver/Whistler and do outreach during the Games, will partner with “More Than Gold”. We are suggesting this partnership for the following reasons:

- Because we have an obligation before God to “make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3) thus in every way making the teaching about God our Saviour attractive (Titus 2:10)
- So as to provide more effective ministry.
- So as not to waste resources via duplicating efforts.
- Because “More Than Gold” is working closely with VANOC to coordinate Christian activity and, to a degree, control culturally insensitive behaviour.

“More Than Gold” Responsibilities

“More Than Gold” recognizes the valuable role that you, your team, and other mission teams will play during the Games. To help you in your service and ministry, “More Than Gold” is willing to:

- Provide help in finding accommodation.
- Provide opportunities for service and ministry such as:
 - outreach in local communities (working alongside a local church)
 - outreach opportunities on pedestrian corridors (high foot traffic areas)
 - sports ministry outreach (if team members are able to coach and have submitted a sports ministry application)
 - creative and performing arts outreach (if team members can perform and have submitted a creative arts application)

Guidelines

To help us in the coordination of mission teams who would like to partner with “More Than Gold”, we have developed some guidelines and a philosophy of ministry that we would ask you to read, sign (if in agreement) and send back to “More Than Gold”:

- Recognizing that English is the predominant language spoken in Canada, and that French is our other official language, it is most beneficial if at least some of your team’s personnel will be able to speak either English or French. At least one team member must be fluent in English.
- Recognizing that “More Than Gold” will need to know, as far in advance as possible, of those teams that are planning to come to Vancouver, a deadline for mission team applications has been set for November 1, 2009. Following this deadline, “More Than Gold” will not be able to assist any other teams in regard to placement or ministry.
- Recognizing that all outreach resources (i.e. literature, videos, tracts, etc.) must be approved by “More Than Gold”, each mission team will submit any outreach materials to “More Than Gold” by November 1, 2009 for approval. **Any material that is not approved cannot be distributed during the Games.**
- Recognizing that “More Than Gold” is coordinating the placement of mission teams for outreach during the Games, each mission team will be asked to appoint a representative to liaise with “More Than Gold” to help with the coordination and placement of their team (i.e. the Team Leader).
- Recognizing that teams may wish to use the “More Than Gold” logo, all logo use must be approved by “More Than Gold.”

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Partnership Agreement (Form B) - cont.

- Recognizing the cultural sensitivities of Vancouver/Whistler, it is expected that mission team members will participate in a day of training offered by “More Than Gold” on arrival in Vancouver.
- Recognizing that “relationship distribution” of evangelistic materials via face painting, clowning, balloon sculpting, pin trading and other creative forms of evangelism, is much more effective in the Canadian culture than simply handing out materials, we are suggesting that mission team members be skilled in at least one of these or similar activities.
- Recognizing that all mission teams are responsible for their own expenses, “More Than Gold” is under no obligation to pay for any travel, accommodation, visa, insurance expenses, etc.

Philosophy of Ministry

More Than Gold 2010 seeks to coordinate ministries in obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ and in reliance on the Holy Spirit. We therefore aim to follow Biblical principles in all that we do, and to emphasize the initial importance of prayer.

We will approach our work in the following ways:

- We recognize our part in God’s worldwide family and seek ways of working positively with a variety of churches.
- We acknowledge the diversity of the Canadian and international population present and will act with respect and dignity towards all peoples regardless of their cultural or religious background and experience.
- We believe that the new birth is a profound mystery, brought about by the Holy Spirit, so we invite people to respond to what God is doing in their lives and guard against calling for superficial responses.
- We aim to express God’s “Good News” not only in words, but also by our actions in building caring and respectful relationships with children, young people and families.
- We encourage people who come to faith through our ministries to take part in the life of a local church fellowship.
- We seek to honor God in carrying out our ministries by combining prayerful reliance on him with the use of the best available means, maintaining the highest standards possible.
- We agree that, while we are involved in Olympic and Paralympic outreach activities, we will handle controversial issues (i.e. church issues, doctrine and order) in ways that promote harmony.

If you would like to partner with us and you are in agreement with the Philosophy of Ministry and Guidelines, we ask you to sign below and send this, along with your team’s application, to your denomination or organization representative, or “More Than Gold,” c/o 131 East Kings Road, North Vancouver BC, Canada, V7N 1H4.

Organization: _____

Signature of Team Leader: _____

Team Leader: _____ **Date:** _____





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Pastoral Reference - Form C

(Applicant to provide a self addressed stamped envelope - addressed to "More Than Gold," Individual Pastoral Reference, c/o 131 East Kings Road, North Vancouver BC, Canada V7N 1H4).

To be filled out by applicant:

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Church: _____

Street address: _____ City: _____

Province/State: _____ Country: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Phone (day): _____ Fax: _____

The applicant named above has applied to be involved with "More Than Gold", a non-profit organization committed to providing opportunities for Christian churches and agencies to unite and serve Vancouver/Whistler as they celebrate the Olympic and Paralympic Games. In order to adequately evaluate the applicant for admission, we would appreciate your supplying the information requested on this form. Your statement will help us to effectively meet the needs of the applicant should he/she be accepted.

To be filled out by Pastor giving the reference:

How well do you know the applicant? extremely well reasonably not that well

Please list any gifts or qualities that commend this applicant: _____

Are you aware of any type of substance abuse problem or any other issue which might negatively impact the applicant's ability to serve?

If yes - please explain: yes no _____

Would you recommend the applicant for acceptance? yes no reservedly

Please explain: _____

Is there anything else you think we should know about this applicant? _____

I declare that the contents of this reference are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ Print Name & Title: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Upon Completion, please mail this referral in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided to you by the applicant.

If you have any questions, please contact: morethangoldteams@gmail.com