



# opportunities to serve as a *Games Pastor*



Games Pastors will play a lead role in responding to the practical and spiritual needs of thousands of visitors coming for the Games.

Where people gather – from transport terminals to games venues – Games Pastors will be there. If you've heard of Street Pastors, Street Angels or Town Pastors you will get the picture.

*More Than Gold* is working with the transport hubs and the churches to make sure the right number of the right kind of people are where they are needed.

## **Why are Games Pastors needed?**

During London 2012, vast numbers will be arriving at airports and train terminals, and thronging games venues and the approaches to them.

For example –

- St Pancras International Station, the 'Gateway to the Games', expects around 100,000 additional travellers every day
- Heathrow Airport will have its busiest day ever after the Olympic Closing Ceremony and its second busiest day immediately following the Paralympics
- Every day up to 800,000 extra people will travel into London – spilling out into streets around Games venues, official big screen Live Sites and other venues

And many will need the support of a friendly face and a caring attitude - in the form of a Games Pastor.

## **What will Games Pastors do?**

Games Pastors will be wherever people gather in large numbers. They will be trained, equipped and supported to assist travellers, sightseers and spectators with practical advice and help. And all the while they will have an eye open for those who may be in special need.





- ▶ Effectively, they will demonstrate the love of Christ on the streets and at transport terminals to those visiting London for the Games.

The minimum volunteer period for a Games Pastor is seven days, with one of those as a day off. A day will normally be two 4-hour shifts.

Each Games Pastor will be part of a small and mutually supportive team.

### **What training will be given?**

To make the most of this opportunity –

**Full and appropriate training** will be given by Christian agencies with the experience and expertise needed – including Street Pastors, Billy



Graham Evangelistic Association, London City Mission and Christian Nightlife Initiatives

**An opportunity to experience street ministry** will be offered to go out on patrol as observers with their local night time projects.

This means just about anyone with a desire to serve people as a Games Pastor should be able to do so.

### **What costs are involved?**

Games Pastors are responsible for finding their own funding in respect of their application training, travel, accommodation and meals.

### **Who can apply for the role?**

Those applying will –

- already have a heart for serving people and be ready to face a wide variety of challenging situations
- be fit enough to cope with lots of walking and standing
- be a team player, flexible and servant-hearted

Applicants will also require the full support of their church leader. And those with language or other diverse skills are particularly welcome

### **What is the next step?**

For full details including a job description and an application form go to

[www.morethangold.org.uk/gamespastors](http://www.morethangold.org.uk/gamespastors)