

Policy Stichting Mamre

Introduction

1. The Stichting Mamre was set up in 1996 after a conference in Rotterdam on Urban Mission. At that moment it was the intention to give hospitality to mainly undocumented migrants in the city. Over the years services offered have changed slightly to suit the changing backgrounds of all kinds of uprooted people. The Stichting Mamre was formally founded on September 1st 2001. Since 27 September 2001 the foundation has been registered at the Chamber of Commerce with number 24326098. In the Articles of Association Biblical principles are acknowledged as its foundation. The initiative is interdenominational. The foundation does not employ co-workers and the Board does not get any reward.

2. Objective and vision

The foundation's objective is to offer hospitality to strangers, wanderers and poor people with different nationalities, cultural and religious backgrounds in the city of Rotterdam. This objective is achieved by, among other things, creating a meeting place and the recruitment of volunteers. The need for a beacon of hospitality that Mamre is, remains obvious for all uprooted people in the centre of the city of Rotterdam: strangers, wanderers and poor people.

3. Current situation

On Wednesdays, from 10:30 until 14:00 hours, volunteers welcome anyone who enters the lower hall of the Scots International Church Rotterdam at the Schiedamse Vest, entrance Schiedamse Singel. All uprooted people in the centre of the city of Rotterdam are welcome: strangers, wanderers and poor people. The volunteers make them feel at home and listen to their stories. Available are:

- tea and coffee
- a warm meal
- a listening ear
- practical advices
- advice regarding the municipality
- help with letters
- help with Dutch and English languages
- fresh products with a valid sell-by date to take away

Mamre provides "tailor made" help in individual cases.

The commitment of its volunteers constitutes the heart of Mamre's activities. All contribute without any reward or compensation. Many volunteers have been involved with Mamre for years. Every Wednesday early in the morning food is collected from the Voedselbank. With a lot of creativity a delicious meal is cooked every time. Hands on are available to help the cook, to arrange tables and chairs, serving the food, washing the dishes and cleaning afterwards. Without volunteers no Mamre! Also the regular visitors know them and appreciate their efforts

4. Strategy

Expansion of the activities in a more structural way is subject to discussion in the Board of Mamre. This depends, however, on a more solid financial background and increase of volunteers. The working out of the strategy is subject to examination and discussion in the board.

5. Planning

The year 2015 is seen as a transition year. In the course of 2016 the board hopes to be able to draw conclusion based upon its examinations and to define further concrete actions.

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The Board