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## Annual Report 2015 MAMRE Foundation

Every Wednesday, except during the month August and the last Wednesday in December, the MAMRE Foundation provided a meal and support for their guests.

As an average, MAMRE had around forty guests per week. The composition of the group is changing on a regular basis. Especially some ethnic groups show up but also disappear again. However, we do not know the reason for these changes.

The cooperation with the *Voedselbank* has been excellent. We were even able to strengthen the relationship with the organisation.

Every Wednesday morning a car of one of the volunteers is picking up around 300 kg of foodstuff at the *Voedselbank*. These goods are being used the same day or the next week(s) for preparing the meals of the guests. If necessary, the cook will purchase very limited additional goods to complete the meals. Foodstuff is also handed-out to the guests after the meal to take it home. The quality of the meals is very much appreciated by our guests.

The meals are being prepared at low cost by MAMRE using the goods provided by the *Voedselbank*. As from September 2015 a contribution of one Euro per meal has been requested from our guests. This change in policy has been introduced to create a limited threshold, but it also facilitates the purchase of additional food (if necessary).

During 2015 a group of around ten volunteers contributed on a weekly basis to the work of MAMRE. In case volunteers decided to quit, new volunteers signed up. As from the end of 2015, the volunteers provide their services according to a half-year schedule. In case a volunteer is not available, it is expected that the volunteer will agree with another volunteer to replace her/him.

We had a number of changes in the Board of the Foundation. Harry Jonckheere resigned as treasurer early 2015 because of health problems. Hans Stolk joined as treasurer per June 17, 2015. Also Helen de Ruijter, the secretary of the Board resigned end of 2015 also because of health problems (Fred Booman took over per January 20, 2016). We want to express our appreciation for their commitment and contributions as Board members of the MAMRE Foundation.

The MAMRE Foundation wants to express again its gratitude and appreciation to the Scots International Church Rotterdam for the free offer of the Lower Hall and other facilities on a weekly basis.

MAMRE invested in a number of cupboards located in the pantry of the Scots International Church.

The Foundation also invested in an improved website, flyer material and business cards which facilitated the enforcement of attention for the poor and uprooted part of the population in the Rotterdam City Centre.

The Board of the MAMRE Foundation

Fred Booman (Secretary)

