

## Witnessing Home Church

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Since one month, my wife and I were thinking about how to witness in our village Chaumont-Gistoux in Belgium (12000 people), how to visit the people, and how to help and support them. Last summer, in the village magazine, we read a small article explaining that the mayor of the village is looking for some volunteers to create a Senior Council to represent those who are more than 60 years old. The first meeting for the volunteers was in October and I went to see what I could do. Only 12 people answered this call and the mayor asked if someone would like to be president and vice president of the council. Not so many answered, so I offered to serve as vice president and, as I had already some experience in Home Church, I

suggested some ideas for the seniors which could be developed.

On November 26th, the mayor organized a senior's dinner and about 233 people came. It was a wonderful opportunity to witness and get to know better the people living in the same village. It is just the beginning. We have many projects on the way, such as to visit all the seniors to assess their needs, celebrate their birthdays, etc. The mayor gave us a list of all of the seniors, more than 1600 in all. Many of these people have a lot of experience in life and have held important positions in society. They have a great deal of wisdom to offer and we have a lot to learn from them.

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