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Bethesda Clinic – A lot is happening

Dr. Oriold is leaving Bayonnais

Since 2014 Dr. Oriold has been a doctor at the Bethesda Health Center of Bayonnais. He has done a very fine job of running the clinic. His desire has been to continue his education in Pediatrics. He submitted his application to the government school in Port Au Price in September, and received tentative approval in late September. During the month of October, he has been completing all of the additional items for admission.

He officially leaves Bethesda Clinic on October 31. He has been very well received by the community and we appreciated his presence here.



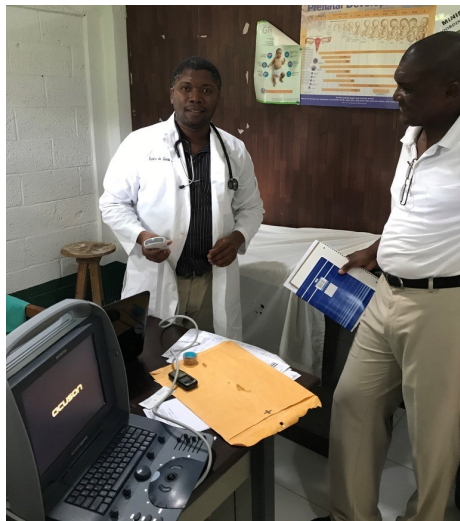
Dr. Oriold

Welcome to Dr. Dupiton!

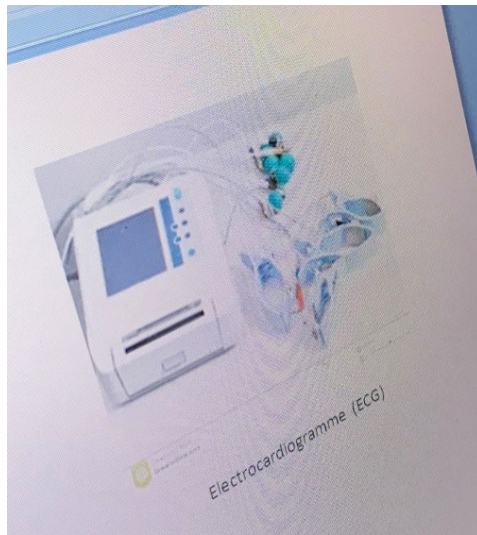
When Dr. Oriold found out that he had been accepted in the school to further his education in his practice area, he helped us to find a replacement. He suggested Dr. Jerry Jean Baptiste Dupiton, who is no stranger to Bayonnais. Dr. Dupiton had worked with Dr. Oriold at the General Hospital in Gonaives. He has actually already been helping Dr. Oriold here in Bayonnais from time to time and the community has already gotten to know him. Dr. Dupiton's specialty is General Practice and he also worked in the Emergency Room at the General Hospital in Gonaives. He will officially start as head of the Bethesda Clinic on Wednesday, November 1.



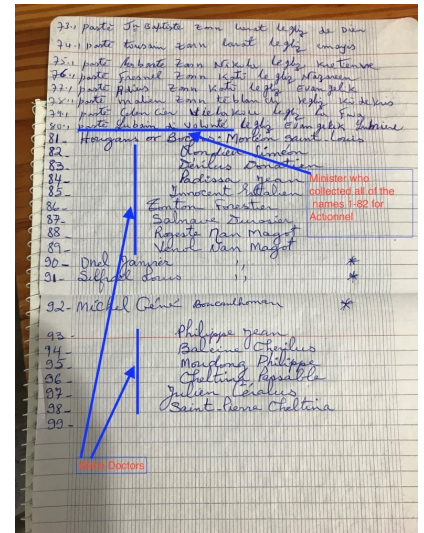
Actionnel with Dr. Dupiton



Dr. Dupiton and the Sonogram Machine



Electrocardiogram machine like Dr. Dupiton requesting to be purchased.



The pastors and witch doctors of Higher Bayonnais

Communication

Passing the word.

What is the way the Bayonnais community finds out new news? How is new news spread?

To announce Dr. Dupiton's arrival, four avenues are being used.

- 1) Tuesday, October 10, he was introduced to the Bethesda staff as the new head of Bethesda.
- 2) Friday, October 26, 2017, he was officially introduced to the leadership of OFCB.
- 3) Wednesday, November 1, a letter is going out to 98 key people in "Higher Bayonnais" (the reference – Higher Bayonnais – is to the specific upper part of Bayonnais area where Cathor/OFCB is located). This list includes 82 pastors and 14 witch doctors (*Yes: witch doctors# They, too, are included in knowing what the clinic provides.*
- 4) On November 4, the Health Care Agents who work in Higher Bayonnais will meet with Dr. Dupiton to welcome him and to get to know what plans he has for the clinic. They will then spread the word as they continue their community practice and will also identify potential patients who should visit Dr. Dupiton.

Note that since Bayonnais has no dedicated, formal news vehicle – radio, newspaper, etc. – it relies on word of mouth. In the case of Dr. Dupiton's arrival, four specific avenues are used. And the vehicle with the highest penetration – item #3 – is the pastor/witch doctor network*. This group of individuals have the most frequent contact with individuals in Bayonnais, and, combined as a group, are the most extensive communication vehicle.

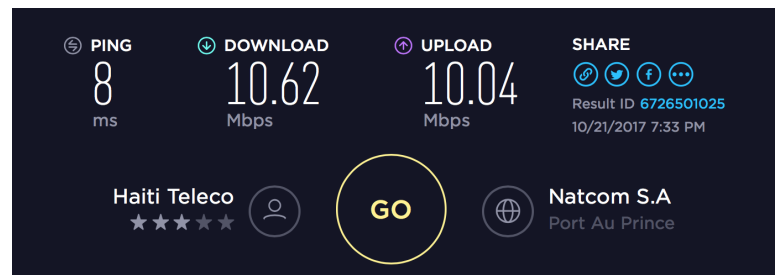
*It may seem odd that the pastors and witch doctors get along and talk with each other. However, both of the parties recognize – and acknowledge – the other as an accepted part of the Bayonnais community and do not let their differing beliefs interfere with their peaceful coexistence.

The New Internet

News flash: Internet is working well in Bayonnais!

Over the period 10/12 – 10/25, while we were in Bayonnais for the Entrepreneur Workshop, we had great access to internet, including reasonably good FaceTime video conversations. Actionnel indicated that about 8 months ago, they moved away from the provider to Natcom S.A., who came and installed a satellite dish on top of the building and the campus has experienced very good access. And Natcom has offered it at a cheaper price than the former carrier (about \$220 per month vs \$300).

Way to go, Bayonnais!



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