Dr. Bien-Aimé comes to SBHF with over seven years of experience practicing medicine, and three years of experience in emergency medicine. She grew up in Gonâve, in northern Haiti, and attended the Université Notre Dame d’Haïti for her medical degree. She did her specialized training at Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais (HUM), Partners in Health’s premier training hospital in Haiti, which has had the largest and best equipped emergency department in the country.

“I love emergency medicine because I am a very active person, and I like challenges,” explains Dr. Bien-Aimé, about why she decided to focus on such a new specialty in Haitian medicine. “Emergency medicine is all about speed and specificity. When you receive a new case you often must do a quick and accurate diagnosis in order to save the patient’s life. I find I am well suited to this work, and it is gratifying every day.”

Looking ahead to her future career at St. Boniface, Dr. Bien-Aimé smiles. “This job is a dream come true. SBHF has made great changes and improvements in emergency medicine since I first came here on a residency rotation in 2014. For several years HUM had the only modern, fully equipped Emergency Department in Haiti. But with the new building at St. Boniface, I think that we are growing our emergency department and increasing our capacity to serve. I am excited to see the continued improvements that will take place under Dr. Bien-Aimé’s leadership.”

To support Dr. Bien-Aimé’s dreams of a world class Emergency Department at SBHF, and to contribute to the care Dr. Bien-Aimé and her team will provide in the new Center for Infectious Disease and Emergency Care, please go to HaitiHealth.org/Donate or send in your contribution with the envelope included with this newsletter.

Dr. Bien-Aimé has big plans for the Emergency Department’s growth in the new center. “Dr. Gomes and I are working closely to create new protocols and staffing schedules to ensure our patients always get the best quality of care possible. I am looking forward to also providing training to our ambulance drivers, so that they can help stabilize and safely transport critical patients. The SBHF team has made this great step forward, with the new building, and I want to continue to make the Emergency Department the best it can possibly be.”

Dr. Danica Gomes is also excited about the future for SBHF’s emergency services. “I am so happy and proud that we are growing our emergency department and increasing our capacity to serve. I am excited to see the continued improvements that will take place under Dr. Bien-Aimé’s leadership.”
communities better. Our communities have not had community health workers, but we have all heard about how important they have been in other parts of the country and dreamed of having a community health worker program in Maniche. Now, people in our communities are proud that they will have this talented team to work with them against common diseases.

**SBHF: What made you want to become community health workers?**

**FOND DES BLANCS TEAM:** Even though we are close to St. Boniface, our communities are still vulnerable to many diseases. When your community is vulnerable, you are vulnerable too, so we want to work to make sure everyone can stay healthy. We feel so grateful to SBHF and its supporters for making this training possible.

**THANKS TO YOU, 26 COMMUNITIES IN SOUTHERN HAITI NOW HAVE A PERMANENT COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER,** even before they had little to no access to trained health care providers. The 26 new community health workers are already making a difference, preventing common and potentially deadly diseases, and will continue to work diligently to keep their communities healthy. Your support has empowered them to become leaders, and pass on their knowledge to their friends and families, improving the standard of living for the entire region.

**FABIENNE JEAN JACQUES**

Fabienn Jean Jacques is one of the trainers for the SBHF community health worker program. She has been teaching health education and community health work for many years. She comes from the community of Les Anglais on the far west coast of southern Haiti—one of the places that was in the center of Hurricane Matthew and saw terrible destruction after the storm. She notes that even though Les Anglais has a health clinic, community health workers benefit the entire region.

“My community of Les Anglais is a “red alert” zone for malaria, and we see many patients at the health clinic there who are suffering from malaria. Some of them come from Tiburon and other communes very far away, and have to travel very far when they get sick. Having community health workers from this training working in Tiburon will help prevent infection and the spread of common diseases. This is a great program that SBHF and its supporters have brought to these communities.”

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