

'We can go wherever we want'

In a month's time, Dr. Ron Bingham and his wife, Suzanne, visited San Francisco, the Grand Canyon, Denver and New York City.

Dr. Bingham's love for travel started as a youngster; he grew up in Ethiopia and Puerto Rico because his dad was an administrator for the Peace Corps under Sargent Shriver.

His ability to travel easily comes from being an experienced pilot and owning his own plane.

"We'll commonly decide to go someplace at the last minute, at lunch maybe, and leave later that day," says Dr. Bingham, who is board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation and owns EMG Clinics of Tennessee.

"Flying is fun," he says. "We can go wherever we want whenever we want."

For example, he adds, "I fly to Destin, Florida, about once a month for a long weekend and routinely visit my family in the metropolitan New York City area two or three times a year."

Other fun destinations include San Francisco, the Grand Canyon, St. Thomas, Nassau, Seattle, Key West and last, but not least, Sikeston, Missouri, the 'home of the throwed roll.'" Together, he and Suzanne have five children. Flying makes it easier to visit family whenever they want to.

With ten EMG Clinics in West Tennessee and northern Mississippi, Dr. Bingham finds it much more enjoyable flying to the clinics in 15 minutes rather than hitting the road in a car.

Through a special website, his staff can keep track of him and the plane over the Internet while he is in the air, and will know when he will land and be available by phone again.

"I can see patients in Union City all day, fly back that afternoon and have time to see a few more pa-



Dr. Ron and Suzanne Bingham enjoy the convenience of flying.

tients in Jackson." With more than 20 years of flying experience, Dr. Bingham has accumulated more than 4,000 hours in the air. "I have an instrument rating, a multi-engine rating and a rating in two types of business jets." He is licensed to fly in all types of weather.

His favorite plane at the moment is a 2002 Mooney Ovation, a four-passenger, high-performance, single-engine airplane. It can cruise at 212 miles per hour and has a range of 1,000 miles. That means he can fly it nonstop from Jackson to a several major cities, including New York, Miami and Denver. "Equipped for traveling most weather conditions," he says, "this high-tech airplane also is known for its efficiency (about 12 miles per gallon), safety and sporty performance."

His worst flying experience occurred in 1996. A plane malfunction caused both engines to quit, and he had to make an emergency landing in a cotton field in Batesville, Mississippi. Both Dr. Bingham and his brother, the only passenger, were able to walk out of the cotton field on their own.

The incident did little to dampen his love of flying. "Statistically," he says, "it is the safest way to travel."

It also gives him a different view while traveling, a way to watch the changing landscape and the changing seasons. And, most of all, he says simply, "it's fun."

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