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A Little Travel With Your Colonoscopy

Tim and Cathy needed colonoscopies and Cathy needed a mammogram.

Since the cost of routine tests is not sharable under their Samaritan Ministries membership, they went shopping on Medibid.com, a website that allows them to ask for bids for the services. Bids came in at $1,000 to $1,500 each, half the price of the local hospital, but one bid of $340 came from a medical tourism agency in Costa Rica.

So they flew, got the tests, and toured the country for a week for a total cost of $2500. This may not be everyone’s cup of tea, but it could be yours if you’re looking for a little R&R with your health care.

“Members use Medibid, combine medical tests with a vacation in Costa Rica,” Jed Stuber, Christian HealthCare Newsletter (Samaritan Ministries), February 2015.