

Pilot embarks from Butler County on around-the-world trip via 'Planey McPlaneface'

Ross Edmondson plans to raise money for African Promise charity as he flies.

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ZELIENOPLE, Pa. — When you hear about a 40,000-mile plane trip, you might think, "That's a long time." Yet, it's a trip that Ross Edmondson has decided to take -- not just as a personal goal, but also for charity.

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"It's been a dream of mine ever since I started getting interested in aircrafts, back when I was 13, 14 years old," said Edmondson.



Planey McPlaneFace

He embarked on a journey Monday from the Zelienople Municipal Airport to fulfill that dream in his majestically named aircraft: Planey McPlaneface.

Edmondson has made long trips before, but he said this is his first world trip by plane. He plans to put it to good use.

"With a trip like this comes an opportunity to do some good and bring some awareness," said Edmondson. "So we decided to adopt the charity African Promise."



He said [African Promise](#) supports primary education in Kenya, where seven primary schools they tend to are provided extra teachers and school supplies, among other resources.

Every dime he raises through his website during the trip goes to that cause.

Edmondson has many destinations that will span five continents. He anticipates having some nerve-racking moments while in the sky.

"There's a corny old saying that says flying is 99% boredom punctuated by 1% moments of terror," Edmondson said. "Hopefully there will be none of those 1% on this trip."

Edmondson said people have told him that this flight in his specific aircraft is impossible, but he doesn't care.

"If people are telling you, 'Well, I don't think that's possible, it's too hard, you should probably not give it a go,'" maybe don't listen to them straight away and give it a go anyway," he said.

Edmondson plans to return to Zeligople by April 2020. [Here's where you can read more about his flight and African Promise.](#)