



**ELCA 2009 graduate, Shelby Ausband
has a #1 SOLE purpose!**

"pur[SHOE]ing joy" was a simple idea that came to Shelby during the wee-hours of a sleepless night in Guatemala. "She was doing some work in a small village nearby where she met a family with 10 kids, none of which were attending school. Surrounded by mud floors, holes in the ceiling and only two beds for a family of 12, she left that day feeling small, frustrated and overwhelmed. She realized the problem started with herself; she brought four pair of tennis shoes to Guatemala. We are not simply delivering a pair of shoes; we are delivering the promise of a better life. With a pair of shoes, a person can get a job, go to school, and better avoid harmful diseases. It is our mission that every person in need of a pair of shoes will have them, and have the opportunity to pursue their own joy. Founded in 2013, pur[SHOE]ing joy is based in Antigua, Guatemala seeking to fight poverty by giving shoes to those in need. We receive donations from individuals, schools, religious organizations, and simply anyone who has the ability to give." - <http://purshoeingjoy.org/>