

TANZANIA BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENT STORIES 2018

The small group of saints clustered under the temporary roof, seeking shade from the burning tropical sun. “Amen” and “Praise Gods” drifted out the open sides of the shelter. The new church plant was a very young work made possible because a Bible school student had moved into the town of Shinyanga and began holding Bible studies in her home. A teacher, not a preacher, she still felt compelled to share the Gospel message in the unevangelized city. Her Bible school training had prepared her for God’s direction and burden to start the church.

Diana, goddess of the Ephesians. The Bible school lesson on Acts especially peaked the interest of Diana James. Diana was the top student in her class, always asked astute questions and grasped biblical concepts readily. But that day, it was not just the story of Paul that fascinated her, it was the name, her name...Diana, goddess of the Ephesians. Shortly after the Bible school term ended, Diana came to the conclusion that she did not want to bear the name of a false god. From that point on, she became known as DEBORAH James. The name Deborah had a good biblical reputation and she wanted to be known as a dedicated woman of God.