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## **Surprising Tie Breaker**

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I thank God for this far He has brought me and I'm humbled to testify of what he has done for me. I went to Maseno University (Kenya) in 2008 and graduated in 2012 with Second Class Upper - Bachelor Of Education Arts. In January 2013, I got employed at Kisumu Girls School temporarily as I waited for permanent employment by the Government.

In Kenya, it's not easy to be employed by the Government immediately after graduation. I was called for an interview by the Government in August 2013. Competition was stiff because we were about 15 people. The Teachers' Service Commission, which employs teachers, awards marks to teachers who have certificates for co-curricular activities (games, Christian union, etc.) Yes, I had Maseno Christian Union Certificates but unfortunately my college-mates had the same and there was a tie between us.

Thank God I had the certificate for best Bible quizzer in Kenya in 2009 (Free Methodist Youth Camp was held at Kangemi High School in Nairobi.) The panel was pleased with this certificate and this broke the tie I had with other competitors! I was employed permanently by the Government at Kasagam Secondary School as a teacher of History and Christian Religious Education.

There is a reward in serving God. Let's encourage youths to study the word of God and pray for them. In my school, I've introduced Bible quiz competition and we are planning to pay school fees for the best quizzer. Your prayers will be highly appreciated.