

### Would You Like To Hear These Sermons From The Kiamichi Clinic?



This year at the world famous Kiamichi Men's Clinic at Honobia, Okla., two brothers were featured on the program. Edwin Thoimas and Reggie Thomas, brother missionaries, both preached. Edwin preached first on Tuesday afternoon May 2 and Reggie followed in the morning May 3. Both preached messages concerning soul winning and overseas mis-

sions.

We have posted both sermons on the White Fields website. The sermons are shown in color and you can see both preaching as well as listen to their messages. If you wish to see and hear get on your computer and log onto [White-Fields.org](http://White-Fields.org) then click on MORE and then click on RESOURCES and finally click on MEDIA. You will then see several sermons and as you scroll down you will come to the two messages preached by Edwin and Reggie.

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#### Immersion in 2017

We praise God that during this year 2017 there have been 3942 souls who have accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord and obeyed Him in Christian baptism. It is a great thrill to report to you that these native evangelists have written to us that during January-May. They along with our American Evangelists have baptized 3942 souls. Thank the Lord!!!



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### White Fields and the Cuba Bible Institute

When we started the work of the Christian church in Cuba 21 years ago we also started the Cuba Bible Institute. Dr. Don Ott was appointed Director of the Institute. His responsibilities include developing the curriculum, and recruiting and coordinating the instructors. Dr. Ott has served for many years as an Evangelist with White Fields and he has directed the work of the Cuba Bible Institute very well.



CBI offers 16 seminars on a quarterly basis. Upon successful completion, students earn a Certificate of Christian Ministry (similar to two-year certificates offered by some Bible Colleges). Lord willing, we conclude the second four-year cycle in March 2018. Over 90 different students have completed seminars for credit, and so far 10 have graduated after completing all 16.

Dr. Ott and Dr. Mark Scott, professor from Ozark Christian college, will leave for Cuba the first of June and both



will teach in the seminar to be conducted in Havana. The subjects being taught are HOMILETICS and PRINCIPLES OF PASTORAL COUNSELING. Pray for Cuba Bible Institute and pray for the students who will be studying the Bible even as you read this. Pray especially that the Lord of the Harvest continues to open "a great door for effective work" I Corinthians 16:9



## Jesus' Tax Problems

By Dr. W. Blythe Robinson



It's often said that "the only two things in life that are inescapable are **"death and taxes."** This applies to us and Jesus as this study will show. Later it will be shown that His *reported* position on paying taxes was used, politically and wickedly, to justify His "**death.**"

Provisionally, through a series of events, God used a **tax law** to fulfill the prophecies of where Jesus would be **born.** It originated with Caesar Augustus [Lk.2:1] who ruled the civilized world, while Herod as King, ruled Judea. Its date of implementation was "when **Cyrenius** was governor of **Syria**" [Lk.2:2], a place currently in the news. Later, when Jesus ministered in Syria, "His fame went throughout **all Syria.**" [Mt.4:24]. Later still Paul and others [Acts 15:22, 23] would build on His work there. **Syria** was honored as the **first** recipient of an official **Epistle** [Acts.22: 23-30]. Sadly its existence is rarely known. All of these facts demonstrate God's use of tax Laws to *provisionally* bring good out of evil.

Most of what we know about **tax laws** in N.T. times comes through the Apostle **Matthew (Levi)** [Mk.2:14], a former *tax collector* himself [Mt.9:9]. He is also known as a **Publican**, [Mt.10:3], a despised group [Lk.5:30] of Jews who collected taxes from the Jews for the Romans.

Unfortunately, when the ministry of Jesus became very popular, His enemies tried to use their **tax laws** to destroy Him. This united the *Pharisees* with a Jewish political party called "**the Herodians**" [Mt.22:16]. With united voices they demanded that Jesus answer this controversial political question officially: "**Is it Lawful to give tribute (taxes) to Caesar, or not?**" (V.17). Jesus knew that this was a deadly trap as *will be discussed in detail later.* These "**hypocrites**" (V.18), as Jesus called them, thought that they had successfully forced Him into answering an inescapable "**Yes**" or "**No**" question that would pit Him against one group or another, no matter what His answer was. They had confronted Him with what was the greatest controversial question of that time.

Beneath the surface, this **tax issue** was tearing the nation apart because of conflicting political loyalties. Men like **Theudas** had led a rebellion of about 400 men [Acts 5:36]. "After this man rose up **Judas** of **Galilee** in the **days of taxation**" (V.37). Jesus grew up in "**Nazareth** of **Galilee** [Mt.21:11, 2:22-23,] which had a *bad reputation* to begin with [Jn.1:46]. To achieve guilt by association, the name of His home town was nailed to the cross [Jn.19:19]. **Barabbas** continued government opposition by leading a rebellion in the city that involved murder [Lk.23:19], yet the crowd at the Cross preferred him to Jesus. The tax issue was viewed this way: you are either loyal to **Caesar** and demonstrate it by paying taxes to him, or you will not. Refusal to obey his tax laws would put Jesus in rebellion against him and his nation. This issue was dangerous because **Caesar** had no hesitations when it came to killing another **King** whom he would consider a rival. A previous King, **Herod** [Mt.2:13], (there were several) had attempted to kill Jesus as a child by ordering the slaughter of all little children under the age of two in an attempt to destroy Jesus [Mt.2:16] as prophesied [Mt.2:17-18].

There seemed to be no escape between the **two choices confronting Jesus:** pay taxes to **Man** (Caesar) or to **God** (through the Temple tax). This tax had become a corrupt Jewish money making scheme which Jesus condemned, *violently*, with a **whip**, [Jn.2:15] **over turning money tables** and driving out animals because they had turned God's house of **prayer** into "**a den of thieves**" [Mt.21:12-13]. They were His enemy from His ministry's beginning. Jesus' reply to this controversial question was beyond refutation. He asked for a coin (Mt.22:19) and whose image was on it (V.20). They answered "**Caesar.**" He replied (V.21), "**give to Caesar what is His and to God what is His,**" the **Tithe** of "all things" [II Chron.31:5]. "When they heard these words, they *marveled and left*" [Mt.22:22].

## Lacey Darnell Reports on Cuba



Cuba, where do I begin? Ever since I was little, I have always wanted to travel to Cuba because of how beautiful it looked especially with the old cars and old buildings. Spring break was the perfect time to go. I was meeting my dad in Cuba that Thursday because he had already been there for a day. We started off venturing around Havana and can I tell you, it was absolutely beautiful. Pictures do not do justice to how amazing it was.

I was able to meet Isis and Rolondo and they are amazing people. If you have ever met my grandparents (Reggie and Esther), Isis and Rolondo are the Cuban versions of them. They were able to take us to the beach and I learned about their whole lives and how they live there in

Cuba. Even though Cuba is a beautiful place, it is still a communist country, where the people receive little money each month and many rules they must follow.

Then there was Mercy and Manuel. My dad was able to preach at their church and it was a beautiful service! It was one of my favorite services that I have been too because of how lively the people were. When we worshipped, they brought out the tambourines and danced. I can't think of words on how to describe how amazing the service was. The people enjoyed being there and worshipping with one another and listening to the Word.

The funny part about the trip was no one thought I was from the United States. The assumptions were either I was from Mexico, Argentina, or Chile. When I told them that I was from the U.S., they were in shock and either thought I was from Florida or California. When I told them I was from Missouri, they said, "Where is that?" So with the very little Spanish I know, I explained it was in the middle of the U.S.



Overall, this was an amazing trip. There were no hiccups while flying (which always happens when I'm flying with my dad), I grew closer to my dad and learned stories about him that I had never heard, I met amazing people who will always have a special place in my heart, and I learned about the Cuban culture from a different standpoint.



## White Fields Orphanage Ministries



A few weeks ago I woke up, but couldn't open my eyes. They were swollen and glued shut with gunk. Once I was able to get my eyes open, they hurt and itched. It was the weekend, no chance of going to the doctor or getting medicine. It was irritating!

I knew it was allergies headed towards pink eye. I was careful not to touch my eyes, to wash my hands, etc. I knew what to do! Once I was able to get to the doctor, he told me it was going around like crazy! I do have a point to this story!

Two weeks ago, Ronel emailed and said the boys at Mark's House and Nadine had an eye problem.

After he described it, I knew it was pink eye! They are still passing it around. I received an email from Jetro yesterday. The kids at the Jesus Loves Me Home, Jetro & Prospere have pink eye too. They do not have adequate medicine or knowledge to keep from spreading pink eye to everyone. I have tried to tell them the basics to keep from spreading, but without adequate medicine they need PRAY-ER!

I think back to how frustrated I was that it was the weekend, most clinics and hospitals in Haiti are still not open! They have NO chance to get care for something as simple as pink eye. Please pray for our kids in Haiti. Pray that this epidemic will go away!

As I am writing this, I received an email from the State Department, issuing a stronger warning for Americans to stay away from Haiti. They said violence (murders, rape, kidnapping) has increased much in the last year. They said Americans have not been targeted, but they were sending a strong warning. Please pray for Haiti. These things are happening to the Haitian People.

It is time for us to start thinking of the children going back to school. We need \$2000. Join us in asking God to provide this money.

**Jetro has written to me with a special request. I told him I would publish ad see if there was anyone willing to help him! This is a BIG deal and I am proud of Jetro for taking the initiative to make his own money. Jetro has saved every dollar he could earn and started his own business. He is selling bottled drinks and snacks out of a little room downtown. This is something that is very popular. His request is help in buying a freezer and generator. This would increase his business. The cost for both is \$1,000.**



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A greater *marvel* regarding tax money was yet to come. Later this very deadly controversial tax issue was raised against Jesus at the time of His Crucifixion. He was taken before Pilate ([Lk.23:1-2](#)) and accused of refusing to pay taxes to Cesar based on the fact that He was "**Christ a King.**" This association, between Jesus paying taxes and the Crucifixion, is seldom publicized.

In [Mt.17:24](#) Jesus and the disciples entered Capernaum; those who collected taxes for the temple asked Peter whether or not Jesus would be paying those taxes. Peter said "**yes**" ([V.25](#)). Later Jesus questioned Peter about his understanding of the basis for paying temple taxes ([V.25-26](#)) and helped him understand that Jesus, by virtue of who He was, should be exempt from them. However to avoid appearing offensive ([V.27](#)), He used this request to provide an opportunity to produce one of His most unusual and *mysterious miracles* that He ever preformed. The details given raise more questions than answers and they will remain incomplete unless He someday reveals them. Jesus told Peter how to get the Tax Money as required on this occasion. First Peter was told to **go "to the sea"** (which one and when is not revealed). Next he was told to **"throw in a hook."** What kind, what size, what bait, and what date, are not revealed. Next Peter was to **"take up the first one caught."** Next he was to **"open the fish's mouth,"** then he was to feel around inside its mouth until he found **"a piece of money"** ([V.27](#)). How it got in there is unknown. Its size and value we don't know. Apparently, based on these words *"take and give this money to them for me and you,"* the amount was large enough to pay all of the taxes due. This was *legitimate tax money* because He, with the Father, had created [[Jn.1:1-3](#)] the source of payment for these taxes: the "Sea" and the *fish "that had been caught."* The very existence of this fish was mysterious. Obviously fish just don't swim around, carrying tax money in their mouths, looking for the first fishing hook that they can find. Jesus' tax miracle should remind us that **"with man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible"** [[Mt.19:26](#)]. We need to retain the faith that **"The things which are impossible with men are possible with God"** [[Lk.18:27](#)]. This miracle remains one of the most inscrutable miracles Jesus ever preformed. Just remember that *"The foolishness of God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is stronger than men"* [[1 Cor.1:25](#)]. This should remind us to always keep the proper prospective of events as strange things happen.

Jesus' most serious tax issue came later when *this very deadly, controversial tax issue* was raised against Him in connection with His Crucifixion. He was taken before Pilate [[Lk.23:1](#)], where His enemies accused Him **"of perverting the nation and forbidding to give tribute (taxes) to Cesar, saying that He Himself is Christ a King"** ([V.2](#)). It was understood by all that refusing to pay taxes to Cesar based on the fact that He was **"Christ a King"** would never be tolerated [[Jn.19:12](#)]. This association, between Jesus paying taxes and the Crucifixion is usually unknown or simply never mentioned. Pilate and Herod found **Jesus innocent** [[Lk.23:14-15](#)]. The Jews accepted the responsibility for Jesus death and its consequences upon them and their descendants [[Mt.27:25](#)]. (I saw some of that consequence in a *gas chamber while ministering in Germany.*) Later Pilate used Jesus to restore his relationship with Herod [[Lk.23:12](#)]. Paul's message about paying taxes in the Roman world could be deadly serious [[Rm.13:4](#)]. We are told in [Rm.13:6](#) to pay "tribute" (taxes) for the reasons given in [Verses 1-5](#). Paul concludes his instructions with these words in [verse 8](#): **owe no one anything but to love one another because he that loves another has fulfilled the Law.**

Today's world holds many similarities with the issues in this study. Some of them are found among some politicians and religious leaders, organizations, or simply some business people connected to a church. We all need to remember Paul's warning that *"The love of money is still the root of all kinds of evil for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and have pierced themselves with many sorrows"* [[1 Tim.6:10](#)] (NKJV). Space doesn't permit the countless everyday examples that I could give of this truth in today's world. Instead, let us give thanks that ministries, like ours, are exempt from taxes and that gifts to them are tax deductible, provided we aren't interpreted as dealing with politics, because on that basis it can be denied or revoked. Taxation is a relevant issue today because our representatives are currently considering making significant changes to our tax laws. We need to pray for them that **"we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty"** [[1 Tim.2:2](#)]. If you find this helpful pass it on. Simply a servant, Dr. W. Blythe Robinson

## Hope For Bulgaria



May 1, 2017

Dear Christian Friends:

We have experienced a hard month but God is always good. We have a new government that is the worst ever. 50 % of the Ministers are ex-comunist secret agents. Now step by step they press people to work for the Mafia. The worst thing is that many Bulgarians just leave the country, going abroad because cannot live here.

This month we have problems with the water being cut off because the people steal from the water-company. We also have problems with divorced women. It is so sad that most of them are having problems with the nervous system. Im so shocked how many young people are using drugs because they don't want to live, they are in deep depression because don't see any sense in life. Bulgaria is on the first places of depressed people in the world.

I have also some meetings with teachers in the school of my children. In the schools is a big problem with aggression. Recently we have 4 children who die in school. They have no faith, and this is result of people without God. With no faith, and no moral standards they have no hope.

Thank you for everything our White Fields supporters. It's a great encouragement knowing that we are not alone. Pray for us as we continue to try and lead people to Christ the hope of the world.

In Christ, your daughter Elena

## Great Soul Winning Campaigns In Liberia And Guinea 166 Souls Baptized

MAY 16, 2017, MONROVIA, LIBERIA (Steven Enoch writing)

We write to thank and all our Donors for the monthly support that you give to us for our Ministries in Liberia and Guinea. We thank you for helping our interior preachers to be preaching the word of God still in the interior. We will have to join our voices as the Angels to give God the glory for you all as your support helps us to be here for the Lord. Thank God for you all again.

We thank you for the help that you gave to some of our churches to get their lands. Some of the preachers have motor bikes which is helping them to get to their preaching points easily. May the Lord continue to bless you all. We still need prayers for Bro. Titus and Alorsious who are still walking long distances to go to church. They need help as the rains begin to fall here now, it will be hard for them to walk if they will get to their churches fast and on time. Titus lives in Gepo while Alorsious lives in Zinpa where Bro. Luke preaches.

Please continue to pray with Sisters Varbah and Mayamu the Muslim girl who both lost their businesses during the long trip to Nimba County. We had a very hard time there. They need prayers to begin again.

Varbah has 7 orphans from her late sister who was brought to Liberia sick and died later. We want to take six of them who are ages 1one to twelve year. They are in a school where she has not been able to pay the fees for them. She told it to us in our prayer meeting in the church. Please pray with us to get the means to help them. We are beginning our Boys dorm next week to enable us to have more space for them.



We thank you for the Crusade Bus that you paid for by the grace of God. We cannot thank you enough. Only the Lord will pay you for the great help that you are giving to us for His name sake. We are about to buy the Bus now after some time of prayer for then Lord to direct us to get a very good one as you said to me. Thanks again.

We had a Crusade in Barnersville where we baptized 75 persons into Christ. We also had a Revival in Barnersville where we also baptized 43 persons into Christ. We also had a join Crusade in Logan Town where we baptized 48 people into Christ.

Pray for us. Steven Enoch

