

Just got the below email from Shoni with attached pictures. They just got back from the clinic having had Jude circumcised.

He's praying for a speedy recovery. Haha!

From Kermit again:

Before you read on, please enjoy first the attachments of two pictures of Jude praying.

You may already know this, but just in case you don't yet know, Jude was one of Jesus' disciples (Luke 6:16) as well as the name of one of Jesus' brothers (Matthew 13:55). Jude the brother of Jesus was the one who wrote the New Testament book known as "Jude". There he describes himself as a brother of James, (another one of Jesus' brothers listed in Matt. 13:55). This James also wrote a New Testament book known as "James". Note: Jesus had both apostles and brothers named Jude and James.

Both "Jude" and "Judas" are transliterations of the name Ιούδας in the Greek original New Testament. The modern English translations have followed the KJV by giving the English name Judas for Ιούδας in the Gospels, but the name Jude for Ιούδας in the book of "Jude".

The Hebrew root of Jude is יָדָה (Yadah). In the Hiphel (pronounced: hifil) form it means give thanks or praise. It begins the first three verses and last verse of Psalm 136 and is pronounced as Hodu – hod means praise/give-thanks and the u means you(plural).

Raquel and I have taught this song/praise/thanksgiving (Psalm 136) in Hebrew itself to tons of churches and groups throughout the Philippines, USA, and India.

The noun form

תודה (pronounced as todah) means: Confession, praise, sacrifice of praise, thanks, thanksgiving, thank-offering. In modern Hebrew it is their word for "Thanks."

Raquel and I give thanks to our loving Father for this special gift. Our prayer is that our loving Father will indeed answer Jude's prayer, and that He will grow up to be a mighty warrior for our King. And may his parents and his lolo and lola be wise as they nurture him.

Thanks for all your Amens to the above prayer.

Lolo (Grandpa) of Jude Michael Henson,

Kermit

P.S. Concerning life in Tacloban, all's well, and it seems all is well with the parents and lola of Jude in the Twin Cities. Hodu ladonay ci tov, ci leolam chasdo.

You now have Shoni's and Raquel's emails in case you'd like to contact them.

Below I included some more items of interest surrounding the name of Jude in case you would like to read on.

The Greek form is Ιούδα (Iouda – ou pronounced like we pronounce the ou in you). The first letter in the Greek form and Hebrew form is often (probably usually) pronounced as a J in English. (Examples: יהוה [Yahweh] became Jehovah in English and Ιησοῦ became Jesus in English.)

In Matthew 10:3 and Mark 3:18 the apostle Judas had the name Thaddaeus.

The name "Judas" of course was tarnished by Judas Iscariot. It has been noted that for this

reason Mark and Matthew refer to him by an alternate name, Thaddaeus.(However some scholars believe that Judas and Thaddaeus were actually two different individuals).

