

Alaska Jobies and Anchorage DeMolay support Afghanistan Troops
By the members of Bethel #1 Anchorage, Alaska

In October, 2006 Bethel #1 in Anchorage, Alaska held a service project called *Trick or Treat for the Troops in Afghanistan*. On a Saturday after the meeting, everyone distributed Flyers in their local neighborhood's explaining what the project was about and what the troops needed. On the following day if the items were left on the front porch they would be picked by the Jobies. Of course on Sunday, Mother Nature delivered a massive snow storm to Anchorage. The Bethel Guardian received many calls from individuals asking if the weather was halting the project. A snow storm stop Bethel #1? Not hardly!

We collected 200 pounds of goodies for our troops during the snow storm. Then everything had to be repackaged into small manageable boxes and all the customs forms filled out. During the packing process donations kept arriving and the stack of boxes kept getting larger.

Anchorage Chapter DeMolay wanted to get involved so they volunteered on one of their meeting nights to deliver all the boxes to the Airport Post Office, stand in line and pick up the cost of mailing our boxes. Little did they know that the night of the mass mailing there would be a wind chill factor of minus 20 below zero. In true DeMolay tradition the guys stepped up to the plate and arrived at the Post Office with all the boxes and only one customs form missing. The form wasn't missing for long as one of the DeMolay following the truck saw it blow off and stopped his car and retrieved it from the middle of the road.

At final count 35 boxes weighing slightly over 300 pounds were shipped to Afghanistan. Those going to Afghanistan will be distributed by our Bethel Council Member, Mrs. Nichols who is serving in Afghanistan. She will see to it that our items get to the field troops.

Bethel #1 and Anchorage DeMolay will be starting another service project called "*Jingle the Bell for the Troops*". We will be collecting donations again but also would like to include lots of letters. If you would like to assist us in this project by writing letters please contact our Guardian at dwane.anderson@worldnet.att.net



Honored Queen Ti'eri shows off some of the items collected for the *Trick or Treat for the Troops* project.



Anchorage Chapter of DeMolay members braved -20 wind chills to see that the Troop donations were delivered safely to the Post Office for their final destination of Afghanistan.