

Bambino Schools' Boarders' visit to Kachere Young Offenders' Prison on 26th January 2020

On 26th January 2020 the boarding student visited inmates at Kachere Young Offenders' Prison as part of their Character Development Programme community service.

This day turned out to be more than what we expected. Our students were **entertained**, **educated** and **inspired** with most, if not all the activities the inmates had prepared for them. I should admit, most of the activities presented had messages which were showing that the inmates were truly getting reformed.

The programme was opened with a very touching prayer from one of the inmates. After the prayer came a bible message about Joseph's imprisonment from Tadala Malunga a Form 3 student from Bambino Schools. After Tadala's preaching, the Masintha Choir from Kachere YO prison gave us some songs. Patricia Chagonapanja a Form 5 student at Bambino then gave some words of encouragement from the bible and then The New Salvation Choir from Kachere YO prison came in with some songs too. After the New Salvation Choir came Nthambi Bokosi and Ms. Kanjira who also gave us some songs and words of encouragement. Thereafter, Chancy Tofasi and his friend gave a number of memory verses, this was so amazing. Aisha Mulingo then gave a memory verse and a song then came in Storm C and his friend who modernized the show with some hip hop/wrapping, the kids could not keep on their seats, if only it wasn't for the **no mix** rule, the stage could have been filled up with Storm C's fans. There were whistles and screaming as Storm C and colleague made their presentation. Then Niaz T.J. Mkandawire came with a song before the Young Wrappers. After that came the Bambi Galz who sang an all-inclusive song, **Aise! Aise! Aise!** Both the students and the inmates joined these girls. There was real unity. They also added another song before leaving the stage. As if we were just starting, the Kachere Drama Group brought us a very educative and exciting story of how bad and dangerous trying to make quick bucks and ignoring God's laws can be. These guys have talent. After the drama group we got a song and poetic prayer from Uncle Spark and a colleague. Apatsa Kanjadza then gave a speech to inspire the inmates so that they should never stop exploring the talents they had even after serving. A closing prayer was then given by a student from Bambino schools, Aisha Mulingo.

The students then left the parcels they had brought so that the inmates would share among themselves later. It was a really an exciting day. The period of about 2 hours lapsed as though it were just a few minutes.