I believe that is exactly what happened in that village. The people had never heard of Jesus. We show up out of nowhere and tell them there is a God (a foreign idea to them), that His name is Jesus, and that He is more powerful than the demons and spirits that they fear and
burn incense to ward off. Then, within a few hours, God provides an opportunity for them to actually see in their own lives what we had just proclaimed to them. They were praying and chanting and reciting their mantras in hopes of ridding the mother of evil spirits they believed would harm her or her babies, but their methods weren’t working. Then, we came to the house. And we told them our God would show Himself to them. We thought it would have been just as easy for God to let the first baby be delivered healthy, but it would not have made the same impression the villagers it did when the baby was born dead and they then they saw God bring him back to life as we prayed.

“I’d never seen anything so amazing before that night in August of 1998. I haven’t seen anything that can compare to it since. And I may never see it surpassed in this life. But I am always looking for the next encounter, when God surprises me out of nowhere when I lease expect it. Maybe you should be paying closer attention too. You never know when God may show up and remind you that He is ALWAYS RIGHT THERE.

When they understood that their faith was placed in a BIG GOD – it changed their lives.
What we think about God determines EVERYTHING else in our lives: what we value, what we pursue, and how we pursue it.

God is big enough to change their hearts if that is where He wants us to move.

Our peace comes from knowing He can do anything.
Our vision of God also determines whether our beliefs will make it through the inevitable storms of doubt, temptation, and suffering that life brings.

*Our view of God is essential to live this life on earth as God intended.*

Nothing is ever out of God’s control.

But God knew exactly where they were and he was working behind the scene to set everything up.

God was never more in control than He was that day.
Our VIEW OF GOD will determine if our faith will withstand the trials in our lives.

Fearless and bold and trusting this awesome God who has control over everything.

Pharisees and Sadducees.
Acts 5:15–16  As a result of the apostles’ work, sick people were brought out into the streets on beds and mats so that Peter’s shadow might fall across some of them as he went by.
16 Crowds came from the villages around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those possessed by evil spirits, and they were all healed.

Acts 5:17 Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy.
18 They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.
19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.  
20 “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people the full message of this new life.”

21 At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.  
When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles.

22 But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported,  
23 “We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside.”
24 On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were puzzled, wondering what would come of this.  
25 Then someone came and said, “Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people.”
26 At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.
27 Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest.

28 “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

29 Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than men!
30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead—whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.
31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel.

32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

33 When they heard this, they were furious and plotted to kill them.
34 Then one in the council stood up, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in respect by all the people, and commanded them to put the apostles outside for a little while.

35 And he said to them: “Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men. 
36 For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing.
37 After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed.
38 And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing;
39 but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found to fight against God.”

*If it is of God - YOU CANNOT OVERTHROW IT.*

*If God is behind this movement you cannot stop it.*

*What is "YOUR" best for me – not what "I" think is best for me.*
God is a big God.

If we don’t believe that God is big enough to do that then we will live a faithless, weak, fearful Christian life.

Nothing is ever out of God’s control.