Joshua Valdez says Farmington is a place of emotional and spiritual darkness and that many struggle with feelings of despair or worthlessness. It’s also a melting pot of culture and religion. Its residents are mostly Hispanic and Navajo, and the Navajo are very much “a forgotten people,” said Joshua, who also has both heritages.

In addition to serving as a church planter, Joshua also works as an intervention specialist at a local high school. “I see the hopelessness of the youth,” he said. “Most of them are coming from really rough situations.”

But many have grown to trust Joshua and visit his church plant, Higher Ground Church. During youth group gatherings there, he intentionally teaches the Bible verse by verse. Many are hearing it for the first time, and it’s changing their lives.

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**PRAY** for more students to join Joshua’s Bible studies and for members of Higher Ground Church to be a light to their community.