

A photograph of a flooded rural landscape. The foreground is dominated by a large, calm body of brownish water, likely a river or a flooded field. In the middle ground, there are several buildings, possibly houses or barns, partially submerged in the water. The background consists of a dense line of green trees and a forested hillside under a clear sky. The entire image is framed by a dark, irregular border.

The Heartbreaking Flood

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My dad came in and said to me, “The neighborhood is flooding.” It had been raining all day but I didn’t think this would happen again.

You see, my neighborhood (Winns Branch in Pike County, Kentucky) had flooded just 14 months before. My neighbors had just moved back into their houses, and now it was flooding again.





By the time I got to see my neighborhood and my friends' houses, I realized that almost everything was gone. They were safe, thank God, but most of them lost everything again.

LINDSEY and ELLA

My cousins Lindsey and Ella were flooded two times in 14 months. This time was worse than the first time. The water went almost to the roof of their house. All of their outdoor toys were flooded and now they do not have any. They had to tear everything out of their house. They are not going to move back into this house. My uncle said that he can't do this again. They are now living in a new house in another town.







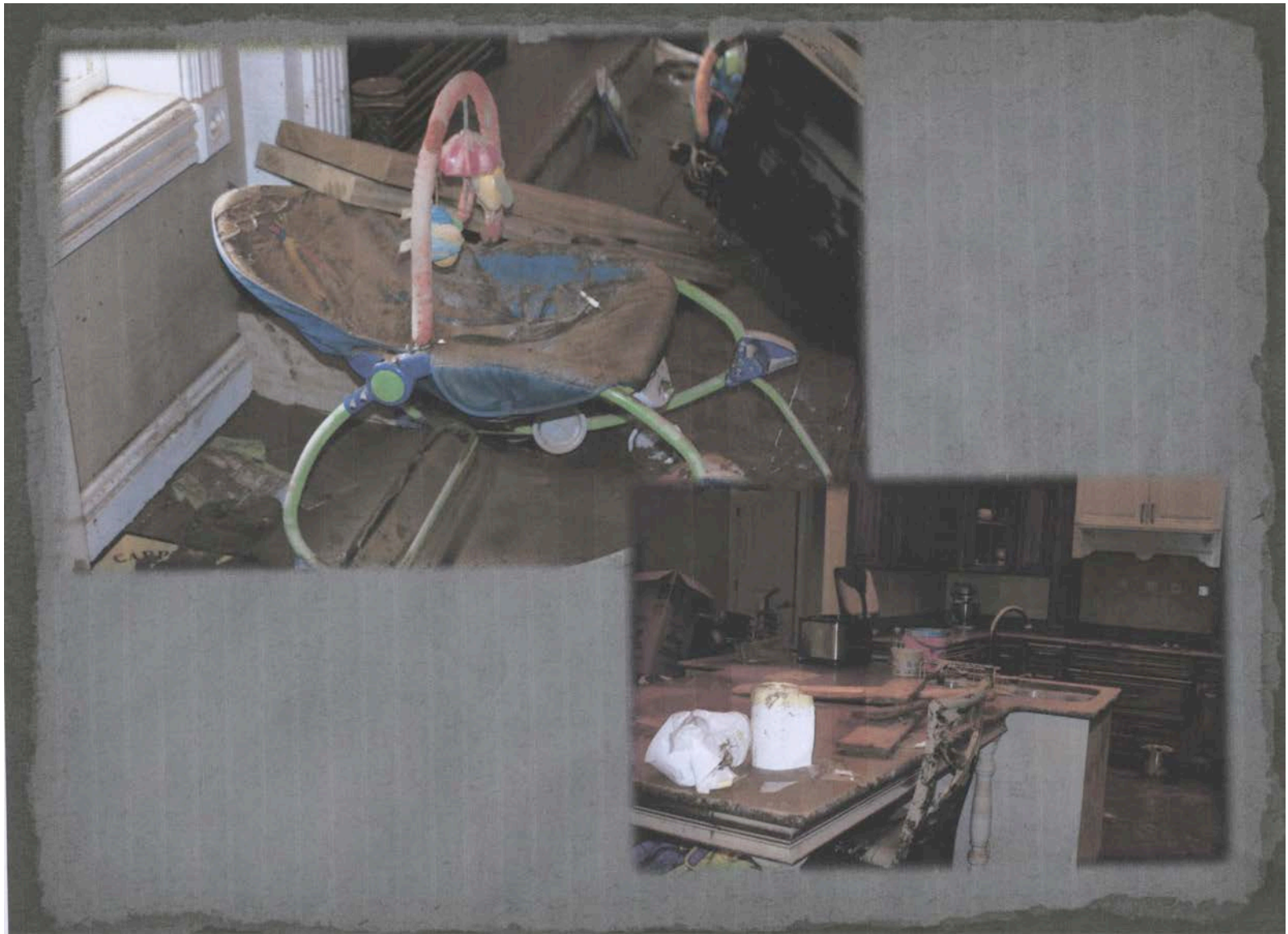


MADI and WADE

My friend Madi and her baby brother Wade were thankfully on vacation when their house was flooded. When they finally made it home, they found out that they lost everything except what they took on vacation. Madi and Wade's family decided to build a new house, still in our neighborhood, but out of the flood area.









Twenty-eight homes in my neighborhood were flooded that Saturday in July, 2010. I am sad that most of these neighbors aren't moving back into their homes. Several hundred other homes were also flooded that evening. So many people in my community lost their homes, their cars, and their belongings. It will take years for our community to get back to normal again.