

Meet the Hollowells

Wow! I was asked to share our story to the fine people that will be building our new forever home. Never would we have dreamed that this situation would happen to us. Let's begin...



Bruce and I have always dreamed of living somewhere on the lake. We searched and searched for weeks with no luck of finding a home within our budget. I was employed as a waitress at the time and Bruce is retired. Finally, our realtor called us about a home we had seen and admired, our dream home, and within our tight budget. The home was small but perfect for our grandchildren when they came to visit and ourselves. We spoke to our realtor and other homeowners in the area about flooding and received assurances that the elevation was sufficient and this area/street had no history of flood issues.

After selling our riding lawn mower, guns, truck, & guitars as well as using the majority of our 401 retirement savings, we were able to pay cash for our forever home. We were ecstatic! We replaced aging flooring, installed new lighting, fixed some plumbing issues, replaced an AC unit that went out, and added windows for a view to the lake with some of our remaining savings. God is good!

Now the bad part.... The river was rising! That is when we learned so much about the pump project and backwater. To make a long story short, 9 months after buying our home, we had 4 ½ feet of floodwater, that remained for 5 weeks before the flood waters receded.



Our forever home was destroyed and had to be demolished. The only things remaining were our personal possessions that we were able to move before the water reached our home. We cried for days, and were just lost! We did not know what to do or where to begin. We had no money left to start over. We attended a meeting one night and were given information about your organization. The community had already spoken to you about us. We



had no idea. BUT.... we heard the amazing news that you fine people were going to help us rebuild and we knew God was still with us! So, right at 1 ½ year later, after living in someone else's home, we are on top of the world and super excited that the time is nearing!! We cannot wait to go home!!!

God bless each one of you!!!

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