

Disaster bites twice

"Somebody will be able to rebuild here," he said. "But we're not making any decisions like that right now."

Down the street several other gracious homes lay splintered and tossed at dizzy angles.

Jack Davies' two children, ages 3 and 6, were at home with the babysitter when the quake threw his house backwards off its foundation. The sitter covered the children with a blanket to protect them from flying glass, then led them from the house when the shaking stopped, miraculously unscathed.

A group of friends worked Friday to extract and pack up the Davies' belongings before the rain began.

Nine homes were destroyed on Rebecca Drive, but the Blue Ridge Drive neighborhood north of Boulder Creek was even harder hit, with 12 homes collapsed.

At the end of Blue Ridge Drive, Phoebe Seace-Katz and Joe Forst welcomed bands of roving reporters and camera crews with wine and poetry readings.

The couple's house was shaken off its foundation by the quake and trembled eerily as Seace-Katz handed out hard hats and led visitors through the wreckage. The couple has no water or power, but they refuse to leave their land and vowed to rebuild.

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