

reader reaction

We have obligation to help poor in other countries

by **Ellen Wallgren
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I am writing in response to Janice Halvorson's letter, (*reader reaction*, March 26) concerning helping the poor of other countries because I am disturbed by its negative tone.

Certainly we have many people living in poverty in the United States

and we have an obligation as Christians to do all we can to help them. But we also need to be open and willing to help the people of other countries who have not been as materially blessed as most of us are here in the United States.

Christ's wish that we be loving and generous with all knows no boundaries! ●

Reader disappointed to see Chairman Mao quoted

by **Eric Mildebrath
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Regarding your March 19 issue of the *St. Cloud Visitor cover story* by Micheal O'Neill. The quotation credited to Chairman Mao as being meaningful and providing insight into the article to follow is absolutely inappro-

priate, illogical and inexcusable. Communist dictator Mao was a tyrannical monster who would in no way tolerate contention of thought or permit it to blossom. I am terribly disappointed that his name and writings even appear in the *Visitor* much less be used in such a complimentary manner. ●