To Breaking Barriers,

I have been a member of Redeemer CRC of Sarnia, Ont., for the last 4 years. These have been the most fulfilling years in my life. The peace and love of Christ has been an overflowing event at Redeemer. It is the first time that people of God have received me for who I am, and have given me areas of responsibility.

I have been abused by members of society because of my disability of not being able to learn. Because of this have been bullied in a Christian school under the eyes of the teachers. Also in the work force I have been a target of backstabbing by non-Christian society. Even in my former church I was treated as the, "go to the back of the bus". I have had 2 accidents with drunk drivers which nothing was done about, which resulted in more damage and mental problems on top of the problems of depression I had as a child.

I was deceived now by "all" members of society, including Christians. But Christ died for my sins and forgave me of my sins, and as a member of the body of Christ, I forgive all those who sinned against me.

My hope is in the Lord, and the hate and despair I had, has been taken upon the shoulders of Christ. I have now a very supportive wife, business and church who have given me hope, love and peace in Jesus Christ despite my disabilities.

In Christian Love, Reinder Bouwma