His Early Life and Educational Status: James Bamidele A. Kio was born on August 18, 1939 to the family of Pa Joel A. Kio and Mama Christiana Kio at Ifon in Ondo State. He started his educational career at the Adventist College of West Africa between September 1961 and 1964 where he got a Diploma in Theology. He went to further his education in Columbia Union College in 1965 where he got a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology and History. In 1970 he was awarded a Diploma in Mass communication at the University of Lagos and by 1975 he proceeded to the University of Houston, Texas, USA where he earned a Masters degree in Speech Communication. In 1979 he bagged his PhD from the University of Kansas in Speech Communication and Human Relations.

Family Life: James B. A. Kio got married to Madam Janet Omolara Kio in 1966 at ACWA. This marriage which was consummated under the leadership of A. J. Welch is blessed with four children namely: Oluwole, Folake, Omomene, and Akhigbe. They have also been blessed with three grand children.

His Work Experience as a Minister: J. B. A. Kio started his ministerial career in Lagos in January 1961 as a pastor under an elderly minister, Pastor Omoleye. He served as chaplain, district and church pastor respectively when he returned from England. He worked in Ogbonna, Edo State from September to December 1965 but proceeded to Ile-Ife in January 1966, after which he also served at Ibadan. He was an instructor at the Adventist College of West Africa and Adventist Grammar School, Ede from 1966 to 1969 respectively. He also served as the Education Secretary in West Nigeria Mission of Seventh-day Adventist Church from 1969 to 1972. He served as an Assistant Professor in the University of Minnesota from 1979 to 1980 as well as director of Communication, Youth and Education at the Nigeria Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventist Church. James B. A. Kio also worked as the Director Communication, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty in the Africa Indian-Ocean Division from 1980 to 1990.

His Scholarly Contribution: James B. A. Kio has contributed to academic development through publications, seminars and workshops. Some of his major write-ups include: Pre-Independence Movement of Nigeria Communication and the Third World.; Intercultural Communication in Africa America. The Rhetorical Trend in Pre-Independent Movement in Nigeria’ Religious Liberty and Africa Traditional Religion. He also served as Editor for Adventist Review and ATAN.

**Pioneer Director of Ellen G. White-SDA Research Centre:** Pastor Kio served as the pioneer director of the Ellen G. White-SDA Research Centre, Ilisan-Remo, Ogun State from 1990 to 1998. He was privileged to have worked with the White Estate staff from General Conference in setting up the Centre. The status of the Research Centre posed a challenge at the initial stage. Later the relationship of the Center with the Division, Adventist Seminary of West Africa (ASWA) and the Nigeria Union Mission was later defined by the Ellen White Estate of the General Conference. Part of his assignment as the Centre’s Director was to teach course on Ellen White both in the classroom and in the Division.

**Seminars on the Ministry and Message of Ellen White:** Within 1990 and 1998 he organized workshops and held seminars within the African Indian-Ocean Division. These enlightenment programmes were held for the members and ministers of the gospel in Aba, Kaduna, Benin City, Lagos, Ibadan Nigeria; Kigali, Rwanda; Monrovia, Liberia; Ashanti & Accra Ghana; Lubumbashi, Goma Kivu & Kanaga Zaire; Bujumbura, Burundi; Dakar, Senegal; Antananarivo, Madagascar among others. These seminars were used to educate God’s people on the great heritage that God had graciously made available to His people through the ministry of Ellen White.

**Conference President:** Pastor Kio served as the president of the Edo-Delta Conference from 1998 to 2005. During this period the Conference experienced both numerical and financial growth. For instance, the baptized membership rose from 5,599 in 1999 to 9,744 in 2005. After his retirement from active service as a gospel minister, he was invited to join the academic cadre of Babcock University as a Professor in the Department of Mass Communication. Since 2006 he has been teaching and mentoring young minds to become experts in the fields of Mass Communication and gospel proclamation.

Indeed, beside every successful man there is always a virtuous woman. For the past forty nine years, Mama Janet Kio had been rendering all the support that this man of God, J. B. A Kio needs. The good news is that as the years role by, this marriage has been growing sweeter and sweeter.